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GENTLEMEN,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Seventy-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), E. O'FARRELL.

The Secretaries,

Office of National Education,

Dublin.

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TO

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL GORDON,
EARL OF ABERDEEN, K.T., G.C.M.G.,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

May it please Your Excellency.

We, the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, submit to Your Excellency this our Seventy-fifth Report. In this report the statistics of attendance, religious denominations, etc., in the schools, are for the year ended the 31st December, 1908, the financial statements are for the year ended the 31st March, 1909, and the general information is brought up to the 31st July, 1909.

While the regularity of attendance of the pupils in our schools *Attendance.* cannot yet be considered satisfactory, we are pleased to be able to note some advance under this head during the past year. The centesimal proportion of the average daily attendance of pupils, for the year 1908, to the average number on the rolls of the schools was 69.8, which is the highest figure yet recorded in our reports. It must, however, be remarked that some part of this increase is to be attributed to an alteration which we have ordered in the method of keeping the school rolls, whereby, as in England and Scotland, the names of pupils must be removed from these rolls when no attendance has been made for four consecutive weeks. On the other hand, as the average daily attendance of pupils for the year was higher than it had been in any previous year (with one exception) since 1900, we are warranted in concluding that the pupils of our schools are becoming more regular in their attendance. We observe, moreover, that the number of pupils of eleven years of age and above, and of those ranking in the fifth and higher standards marks a very perceptible increase on the numbers previously recorded.

Attendance

There is still a large number of Urban and Rural districts in which the provisions of the Irish Education Act touching compulsory attendance are not yet in operation. While there can be no doubt that the enforcing of these provisions has been instrumental in increasing the regularity of school attendance in rural districts, it does not appear that a corresponding improvement has been produced in urban districts where the Act has been applied. Our records show that the attendance of pupils in these districts is not more regular where the Act is enforced than it is where there are no school attendance committees. The high standard of attendance reached by Carlow and Bagenalstown (86 per cent. in each case) appears to prove that this unsatisfactory result is largely due to lack of energy on the part of many attendance committees or their officers, or to neglect of duty by the local magistrates. But we think that it is also to be attributed to defects in the Act itself. The number of attendances required in each half-year is too small for urban centres, the minimum leaving ago for those who have reached the prescribed standard* is too low, and, worst of all, the number of notices to be served on defaulting parents is too great.

We are also strongly of the opinion that the full amount of the fines levied under the Act ought to go towards the defraying of the working expenses.

Since we were able, as mentioned in our previous reports, to complete an arrangement with the Treasury, whereby, in addition to certain sums to be made available from the Ireland Development Grant, a fixed sum of £40,000 per annum was to be provided for school-building grants for each of the three years 1907-8, 1908-9, and 1909-10, the managers of schools have, with commendable zeal, made numerous applications to us for money to build and improve the schoolhouses in all parts of the country. These applications have been all the more urgent owing to the enforced inactivity imposed on the managers for several years past by the stoppage of the funds provided for the improvement of school buildings. The cessation of these grants was most unfortunate and has produced a condition of things which it will take many years to remedy. During the year which ended on the 31st March last we have considered a very large number of applications for these grants, and have approved of expenditure estimated at over £120,000. These cases represent only a small portion of the unsuitable school buildings, and a very large number of urgent cases still remains undealt with.

We have sanctioned grants in excess of two-thirds of the estimated cost of the buildings in 30 cases of school-houses in needy and congested districts. In most of these cases our grant was based on five-sixths of the estimate, one-sixth only of the cost being left to be provided out of local funds.

We have again to call attention to the large number of schools under two or more teachers in which the work of instructing and training the pupils is carried on in a single room. We desire to urge on the managers the importance of providing class-rooms in such cases. In numerous school-houses class-rooms can be formed by dividing the single large room by partitions of wood and glass.

Single-room Schools.

* See Schedule XI., page 76, of the Commissioners' Rules and Regulations for 1909-10.

We desire to advert again to the supplementary grant of £114,000 which was voted by Parliament in July, 1908. As we stated in our last report, our proposals in regard of this grant were disregarded by the Irish Government and the Treasury, and we were forced to accept a method of allocation, which we strongly disapproved. We considered this scheme to be faulty in principle, and in practice, its defects have been made more glaring by the method of distribution which we have been compelled to adopt. Under this scheme an additional payment of £10 per annum is made to each teacher in the first grade, and one of £7 to each teacher in second or third grades, irrespective of length of service, efficiency, average attendance, or any other condition. We do not consider that the payment of this increase in a lump sum to each teacher at the end of the year in which it is earned is a desirable or, from the teacher's point of view, an economical method of distribution, and we are of the opinion that this increase should form an integral portion of the grade salaries. A similar course ought to be followed in regard to the grant of £4 per annum made to junior assistant mistresses of two years' efficient service.

During the past year we have renewed our application to the Treasury for funds for the purpose of providing special bonuses for the principal teachers of large schools. The provision of these formed part of the scheme put forward by us last year for the allocation of the augmentation grant. We believe that the introduction of such supplements (estimated to cost about £11,000) to the ordinary salaries would have more effect in attracting teachers of superior attainments and efficiency than the increasing of the average emoluments of the general body of the teachers by such small sums as £10 and £7. The scale of salaries and payments in force since 1900 has increased the emoluments of the average teacher, but it compares unfavourably with the previous system in this respect, viz., that before 1900 a greater opportunity was given to young teachers of ability of rising quickly to a high rate of salary. The provision of bonuses for principals of large schools would compensate for the slower rate of promotion, which is a feature of the present system, and would undoubtedly act as a strong incentive to bring into our service young men and women of attainments much above the average. It is much to be regretted that we have again been unsuccessful in our application to the Treasury to sanction this essential reform.

We are anxious that great care should be exercised in appointing the principal teachers of large and important schools, and that full weight should be given to previous experience and efficiency. With this view we have made a regulation providing that no teacher shall be eligible in future for appointment as principal of a school having an average attendance of 95 or over until he has given five years' satisfactory service as an assistant or as a principal of a smaller school.

Teachers'
Salaries.

Bonuses for
Teachers of
large schools

Junior
Assistant
Mistresses

Since we obtained authority in July, 1906, to institute a new class of teacher (viz.: junior assistant mistresses) in certain schools where the average attendance is insufficient for a certificated assistant, the managers have taken full advantage of this privilege. At the present time over two thousand of these junior members of the staff are recognised, and, according to the reports of our inspectors, render valuable assistance and materially aid in increasing the efficiency of the smaller schools. We are anxious to extend the services of this class of teacher to schools with two certificated teachers, in which the average attendance of pupils ranges from 85 to 94. It is generally admitted that this type of school is understaffed, and that the difficulties of organization and instruction cannot be successfully dealt with in such circumstances unless the staff is improved. We have requested the Treasury to sanction the appointment of junior assistant mistresses in such cases, but we regret that our appeal has met with no success.

Higher grade
schools.

We have further to express our disappointment that our renewed proposals for the introduction of many other educational schemes, to which we have directed Your Excellency's attention in previous years, have again been refused favourable consideration by the Treasury. We have thought it right to continue to press upon the Government the need of instituting higher grade schools for the purpose of continuing and extending the education of our pupils beyond the point at which the resources of the rural national school begin to prove ineffective. The schools which we desire would be the natural channel for providing, in localities where secondary schools are non-existent, the means, whereby the talented pupils of a National school might enter with success upon studies leading to a university or higher technical school. Another proposal which we have again pressed unsuccessfully is the establishment of scholarships for the pupils of National schools. Our scheme comprised a system of county scholarships, each tenable for two years at an annual charge of £15, ten such being allotted on the average to each county.

Scholarships.

We have also renewed our application for permission to award fees for instruction in gardening and to supply the necessary equipment for establishing and maintaining school gardens in connection with rural schools. Our proposals, which were fully explained in our last report to Your Excellency, included provision for training the schoolmasters in horticulture both at the training colleges and by lectures at local centres, arrangements for the employment of the horticultural instructors in the service of County Agricultural Committees, and the obtaining of powers for the compulsory acquisition (where necessary) of plots adjoining school-houses. In this matter we worked in co-operation and harmony with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. In view of the enormous number of labourers' cottages with good-sized plots that have been provided at the public expense in all parts of the country, and of the necessity of training the children to raise an abundant supply of whole-

some vegetables as well as fruits and flowers, we cannot too strongly protest against the refusal of the Treasury to sanction the gardens. modest proposals which we have submitted under this heading.

The claim of the provincial training colleges to a share in the advantages of the Free Home Grants, which are enjoyed by the colleges in Dublin, has again been pressed without result. We have also renewed our application for funds to enable us to provide accommodation for the women King's Scholars in connection with our new residential buildings at Glasnevin, which were recently opened for the men students of Marlborough Street Training College. The women students at our central training college are now lodged under conditions that in every respect (and especially in that of sanitation) compare unfavourably with those enjoyed by the students of all the other colleges, and we view with surprise the peremptory refusal of the Government to remedy this inequality of treatment experienced by the oldest established Irish training college.

The question of financial provision in the Vote for Public Works, to defray the expense of heating and cleaning the school-houses, has been again under our consideration. Our applications to the Treasury for funds for this purpose have been met with a refusal. We have learned with approval of the proposals that have recently been put forward by the Chief Secretary on this subject and of the response that has been made by school managers representing seven-eighths of the children attending National schools. We would welcome an arrangement whereby the cost of heating and cleaning the school-houses might be equally divided between Parliamentary grants and local contributions, and in the event of the matter being brought to a successful issue we shall willingly co-operate in such a scheme.

Heating and
cleaning
school-
houses.

During the year ended the 31st March, 1909, we awarded promotions to higher grades to 141 principal teachers, who had successfully complied with the prescribed conditions. Of these teachers 18 were promoted to the first section of first grade, 80 to the second section of first grade, and the remainder, 93, to the second grade.

Promotion of
Teachers.

Besides these cases of ordinary promotion we have also had under our consideration the cases of certain principal teachers who have shown exceptional ability and high efficiency in the discharge of their duties during a long period. After a careful consideration of each such case on its merits, we have granted special promotion to seventy-three principal teachers, eight of whom were placed in the first section of first grade, seventeen in the second section of first grade, and forty-eight in the second grade.

Triennial increments of good service salary were awarded to 1,216 teachers during the same period.

Promotion of
Teachers.

In our last report we expressed our dissatisfaction at the action of the Treasury in refusing to consider favourably our representations on the necessity of increasing the number of places available in the two sections of the first grade of national teachers. During the past year the number of vacant places in each of these sections has barely sufficed to allow of the promotion of all the masters who were duly qualified by the length and efficiency of their service. In the current year we have good reason for anticipating that we shall be obliged to defer the promotion of many teachers who, by efficiency and long service, have fully earned their advancement. We proposed to the Treasury a re-arrangement of the available places in the different grades whereby, in our opinion, the stability of the existing system of payments would not have been materially affected, and we regard the refusal with which we were met as inflicting a serious injustice on the teachers, and as calculated to have injurious effects on the educational interests of our schools.

Teachers'
pensions.

With regard to the question of teachers' pensions, we desire to reiterate the proposed amendment in the pension rules which we submitted to the Treasury in February, 1908, viz.:—

"That in the case of any teacher engaged in a national school with 25 years' service or over who is obliged to retire owing to inefficiency without moral fault, or to permanent incapacity for his position through ill-health, 'added years' up to a maximum of ten should be allowed for the purpose of calculating the amount of the retiring allowance."

We desire again to represent to Your Excellency that the time has now come when an inquiry should be held into the entire working of the Teachers' Pensions Act, with a view to its amendment. When account is taken of the improvement in the teachers' emoluments which has taken place since the present scale of pensions was fixed, it is abundantly clear that this scale is not commensurate with the existing status of the teaching profession.

We have had under consideration the question of extending the prescribed course of training of the King's Scholars by the addition of a third year in the case of students who show special aptitude for teaching and give promise of superior efficiency. We have obtained from the Treasury sanction for this proposal, which will not increase the annual expenditure, and regulations for carrying it into effect are at present engaging our attention. We hope that students selected for this special course will be enabled in many cases to avail themselves of the oppor-

tunity of an additional year's residence in the training college for the purpose of attending university lectures in Arts and Pedagogy, and of obtaining university diplomas in teaching. We consider that the provision for National teachers of university education, as distinguished from the mere passing of an university examination, is certain to have a beneficial effect.

Training
College
Courses.

The number of schools in which the Irish language is taught continues to show a steady increase. On the 31st December, 1907, instruction was given in Irish in 2,861 schools; on the 31st December, 1908, the number of schools taking Irish had increased to 3,047. The number of schools in which the bi-lingual programme was in operation increased from 120 schools in 1907-8 to 168 in 1908-9.

We have pleasure in reporting a very considerable increase in the number of schools in which courses in cookery and laundry work are taught to girls. On the 31st December, 1907, cookery was taught in 936 schools and laundry work in 167; on the 31st December, 1908, cookery was taken in 1,596 schools and laundry work in 227. During the school year now commencing (1909/10) we anticipate that these numbers will be substantially increased. Since we have taken steps to press for the inclusion of these subjects, and particularly the former, in the school programme, we are gratified to be able to testify to the zeal and energy shown by a large majority of the managers and national teachers in seconding our wishes. We attach very great importance to the teaching of cookery to girls of eleven years of age and upwards. Our programmes of instruction are carefully designed to afford a series of practical lessons of a simple character adapted to the means and actual circumstances of the pupils. It is not our aim to give an elaborate course of lessons fitted to produce finished cooks or domestic servants, but rather to improve the habits of living of the people by training the pupils in the preparation of such simple dishes as may easily be produced from the ordinary food-stuffs that are available. The inculcation of cleanliness, order, economy, and thrift also plays a leading part in our programmes of instruction in cookery. We recognize that many of our schoolrooms are not well fitted for the best teaching of this kind, and whilst we admit that such teaching as can be provided in our schools will not be so valuable as that which is to be got by attending the courses of instruction given by the county instructresses under the Technical Education Committees of the several counties, we are satisfied that, unless some provision for the teaching of this subject be made in our schools, the great mass of the rural population must remain in ignorance of this vital subject.

The provision of equipment and utensils for this instruction has in many cases deferred the managers from taking up the teaching of cookery. It was partly in order to meet this difficulty, in so far as it affects small schools, that we have obtained from the Treasury sanction to make, instead of the grant of five shillings per pupil, a payment of £8, provided that there are at least six pupils in the class, but we regret to say that we are

Domestic
Economy.

allowed by the Treasury to make this grant only in the first year in which cookery is paid for in such a school. Our organizers continue to give instruction in cookery to the teachers at local centres in different parts of the country, besides making numerous visits to the schools for the purpose of aiding in the organization and of giving advice in regard to the management of the classes. Our inspectors report that this subject is very popular with the teachers and pupils in nearly every case, and that the difficulties anticipated by many managers and teachers in regard to the supply of materials, etc., have proved in practice to be considerably exaggerated.

Evening
schools.

Our attention has recently been directed to the conditions upon which we make grants to elementary evening schools. It has been represented to us on behalf of the authorities of technical schools throughout the country that very many urban districts are without elementary evening schools, and that, in consequence, many would-be pupils of technical schools have no means of going through such a preliminary course as would enable them to revive their knowledge of elementary subjects and so fit them to take advantage of the higher work done in these institutions. It also frequently happens that the very pupils to whom technical instruction would be of the greatest utility are those who have left the primary school prematurely or who have failed to attend regularly and to reach the higher standards. We drew up our regulations for evening schools in 1901 with the intention of affording opportunities to such persons for improvement in the subjects of a good primary school course, but we regret that, owing, as we believe, principally to the difficulty of inducing youths in towns and cities to devote their spare time to study, advantage is not taken of our grants in many urban centres. Having carefully considered this difficult question, we have adopted an alternative scheme for elementary evening schools in large urban centres which we expect to be found more suitable to the circumstances of these localities. This scheme, which now awaits the sanction of the Treasury, will, if approved, enable us to make grants for shorter classes and fewer hours of work, and will moreover render the sum payable in each case less dependent on the regularity of the pupils' attendance. The uncertainty as to the amount of the grant which may be earned under the existing system of payments for evening schools has often proved a deterrent to the managers and teachers to undertake this work.

We now proceed to give Your Excellency detailed information under various heads.

School-houses and Teachers' Residences.

1. On the 31st December, 1908, there were 8,468 schools in operation, made up as follows:—

Ordinary Schools,	...	...	...	...	7,872
Convent,	"	...	...	...	889
Monastery,	"	...	...	...	54
Workhouse,	"	...	...	...	131
Model,	"	...	...	...	71
Fishery School,	...	...	...	...	1
		Total	...	...	8,468

2. Of these schools, 3,532 were vested schools, the remainder non-vested schools.

The vested schools include (a) those vested in the Commissioners, and (b) those vested in trustees, under deeds to which the Commissioners are a party, for the purpose of being maintained as National Schools.

The vested schools were distributed according to provinces as follows:—

Provinces.	Number of Vested Schools.		
	Vested in Trustees.	Vested in the Commissioners.	Total.
Ulster	557	316	873
Munster,	840	371	1,211
Leinster,	444	73	517
Connacht,	778	153	931
Total,	2,619	913	3,532

The non-vested schools include school-houses erected from funds locally provided, or, in a few instances, from loans available under the Act of 1884, 47 & 48 Vic., cap. 23, and schools formerly vested, the leases of which have expired.

3. The erection and improvement of vested school premises are carried out under the direction of the Board of Public Works. On the first of April, 1908, the amount for which that Board was liable in respect of grants already made by us and notified to them was £19,667 19s. 0d. In addition to this sum, we had made grants amounting to £34,114 5s. 7d., which had not been ready for notification to the Board of Works. The total liabilities, therefore, on that date amounted to £53,782 4s. 7d.

4. The following statement shows the condition of the grants and liabilities on 1st April, 1909:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Unexpended Grants on 1st April, 1908, ...	58,782 4 7	
Grants to build and improve School-houses, made in 1908-9, ...	120,867 16 5	
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	174,650 1 0	
Deduct—		
(a) Grants cancelled, not having been utilized, ...	4,362 5 7	
(b) Deductions owing to omitted or defective works, ...	207 0 5	
(c) Instalments paid by Board of Works on account during year ended 31st March, 1909, ...	26,829 8 1	
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Total liabilities on 1st April, 1909, ...	31,299 3 1	
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	143,350 17 11	

The grants made by us during the year ended 31st March, 1909, were apportioned as follows:—

Erection of New Vested School-houses.			Enlargement of Existing Vested School-houses.			Other Improvements to existing Vested School-houses.			TOTAL.
No. of School-houses.	No. of Pupils for which the New School-houses will afford Accommodation.	Amount of Grant.	No. of School-houses.	No. of Pupils for which Additional Accommodation will be provided.	Amount of Grant.	No. of School-houses.	No. of Pupils for which Additional Accommodation will be provided.	Amount of Grant.	
151	13,003	100,548 17 4	40	1,933	10,366 13 4	235	0,362 5 0	120,867 16 5	120,867 16 5

In 80 cases of the erection of new school-houses grants amounting in the aggregate to £4,107 4s. 3d. in excess of the normal grants were made, as the schools to be built are in needy and congested districts. In four of these cases the total estimated cost of the new buildings was granted.

5. We also approved of applications to the Board of Works for loans, to the amount of £4,676, for building, enlarging or otherwise improving existing non-vested school-houses.

We approved of loans in 36 cases to provide teachers' residences, and in 8 cases to improve existing residences. The total amount of the loans approved was £9,660.

Since the year 1875, when the National School Teachers' Residences (Ireland) Act came into force, 1,767 applications for loans, and 79 applications for grants, have been approved by us. In a large percentage of cases, however, the Teachers are as yet unprovided with suitable residences.

On the 31st December, 1908, according to returns received from the managers, teachers' residences were connected with 2,245 ordinary schools. In 950 of these cases the residence was entirely free to the teacher; in the remaining 1,295 cases the teachers paid rent or taxes, or both. The estimated annual value of free residences was £6,844.

Loans for improvement of schools.

Loans for Residences.

Teachers' Residences.

6. According to the Returns furnished by the school managers the local expenditure on the schools was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	Local aid towards building and repairing school-houses, school prizes, &c.
New buildings or additions to existing schools	36,490	7	7	
Repairs, painting, whitewashing, and improvement of school and furniture	25,420	10	7	
Repayments of loans for the erection or improvement of the schools, payment of interest on loans and of insurance ...	5,768	19	1	
Prizes or Premiums to the Pupils ...	11,445	16	8	
Heating, cleaning and other expenditure ...	42,196	19	0	
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	121,823	12	9	

In addition, the local aid to the salaries of the teaching staff amounted to £18,250 12s. 6d.

Day Schools in Operation: Attendance.

7. On the 31st of December, 1908, we had 8,468 schools in operation. During the year 1908, 20 schools were brought into operation—viz., 12 vested in the Commissioners or in trustees, and 8 non-vested. In 96 cases the grants were either suspended or withdrawn.

The accommodation afforded in the schools was sufficient for 757,321 pupils, allowing ten square feet of floor space for each pupil. Accommodation provided.

The classification of the schools (exclusive of Model, Convent, Monastery, and Workhouse schools) in respect of the number of rooms available for school purposes is as follows:—

Number of schools with only one room	5,455
" " two rooms, or a room and class-room	2,010
Number of schools with three or more rooms ...	408

8. In addition to the schools in operation on the 31st December, 1908, 254 to which building grants had been made were not completely built, and 9 other schools were also inoperative for various reasons.

9. From the returns we have received, it appears that, in 220 schools, fees amounting to £3,140 7s. 8d. were charged to pupils over 8 and under 15 years of age, and that all the other schools were free to such pupils. In 149 schools, fees amounting to £364 18s. 9d. were received from pupils over 15 years of age, and, in 188 schools, fees amounting to £2,107 6s. 11d. were paid by the pupils for instruction outside school hours in special subjects.

School fees.

Pupils on
the rolls.

10. (a.) The average number of pupils on the rolls of all the schools for the year was 708,992.

Average
daily
attendance.

(b.) The average attendance of pupils for the year was 494,662.

(c.) The percentage of the average daily attendance of pupils to the average number on the rolls was 69·8.

11. (a.) The average number of pupils over three and under fifteen years of age, the limits of age defined in the Act of 1892, sec. 18, sub-sec. (5), in daily attendance was 482,870. The total average attendance of those who were fifteen and above was 12,292, or 2·48 per cent. of the total number in average daily attendance.

Attendance
for at least
75 days.

(b.) The number of pupils over six and under fourteen years of age who made at least 75 attendances in the six months ended 30th June, 1908, was 316,652; and the corresponding number for the six months ended 31st December, 1908, was 267,816.

Attendance
in each of
nine years.

12. The following table shows for the last nine years—
(a) the number of national schools in operation, (b) the average number of pupils on the rolls, (c) the average daily attendance, and (d) the percentage of the latter to the average number on the rolls:—

Year.	Number of Schools in operation.	Average number of pupils on Rolls.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on Rolls.
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1900	8,684	770,622	478,224	62·0
1901	8,692	754,028	482,031	63·9
1902	8,712	747,864	487,068	65·1
1903	8,720	741,795	482,489	65·0
1904	8,710	736,545	483,897	65·7
1905	8,659	742,457	500,489	67·4
1906	8,602	739,009	493,558	66·8
1907	8,538	732,460	485,970	66·3
1908	8,468	708,992	494,662	69·8

Total
number
on rolls.

Religious
denomina-
tions.

13. The total number of pupils on the rolls of national schools on the 31st December, 1908, was 689,001.

14. The religious denominations of those pupils were as follows:—

512,755 or 74·42 per cent.	were Roman Catholics.
82,694 or 12·02	" of the late Established Church.
77,965 or 11·81	" Presbyterians.
8,991 or 1·80	" Methodists.
6,006 or 0·95	" of other Denominations.

15. The pupils on the rolls of our schools, on the 31st December, 1908, are here classified according to (a) ages; (b) attendances; and (c) standards.

(a.) AGES of the PUPILS.

		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Per-centage
Over 3, but under 5 years of age .		25,604	27,874	53,468	7·8
5 years of age, but under 6 years of age		28,047	28,116	56,163	8·2
6 "	7 "	33,038	34,174	68,112	9·9
7 "	9 "	72,467	72,254	145,721	21·1
9 "	11 "	72,239	72,548	144,787	21·0
11 "	14 "	45,303	89,778	175,171	25·4
14 "	15 "	12,076	18,870	30,946	3·8
15 "	16 "	4,540	6,607	11,147	1·6
16 years of age, and above .	.	2,816	5,870	8,286	1·2
Total,	.	338,010	350,991	689,001	100·0

(b.) ATTENDANCES of the PUPILS.

		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Per-centage
Under 50 attendances, .	.	31,650	28,466	60,116	8·7
50, but under 75 attendances, .	.	29,414	28,305	57,719	8·4
75, " 100 "	.	37,970	37,286	75,256	10·9
100, " 125 "	.	44,396	44,707	89,103	13·0
125, " 150 "	.	55,128	57,733	112,861	16·4
150, " 175 "	.	62,712	68,816	131,528	19·1
175, " 200 "	.	59,324	65,217	124,541	18·1
200 attendances, and above, .	.	17,416	20,461	37,877	5·4
Total,	.	338,010	350,991	689,001	100·0

(c.) CLASSIFICATION of the PUPILS according to Standards.

		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Per-centage
1st Standard (including Infants) .	.	150,146	144,732	294,878	42·8
2nd "	.	45,486	45,906	91,392	13·3
3rd "	.	44,090	46,734	90,824	13·2
4th "	.	37,829	40,272	78,101	11·3
5th "	.	33,302	37,509	70,871	10·3
6th "	.	19,522	23,345	42,867	6·2
7th and 8th Standards .	.	7,575	12,400	20,065	2·9
Total,	.	338,010	350,991	689,001	100·0

**Schools attended by both Roman Catholic and
Protestant Children.**

16. The following tables show, according to provinces, the number of Roman Catholic and Protestant pupils on the rolls of 2,575 schools, attended by both denominations, and the percentage of each denomination:—

**(a.) ROMAN CATHOLIC and PROTESTANT PUPILS in Schools under
ROMAN CATHOLIC Teachers exclusively.**

PROVINCES.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.		
		Roman Catholic.	Protestant.	Total.
ULSTER,	598	35,317	3,784	39,081
Percentage, . . .		90·4	9·6	100
MUNSTER,	428	37,338	1,155	38,493
Percentage, . . .		97·0	3·0	100
LEINSTER,	452	35,239	1,456	36,695
Percentage, . . .		96·0	4·0	100
CONNAUGHT, . . .	306	23,795	683	24,788
Percentage, . . .		96·1	3·9	100
TOTAL, . . .	1,784	131,689	7,338	139,027
Percentage, . . .		94·7	5·3	100

**(b.) ROMAN CATHOLIC and PROTESTANT PUPILS in Schools under
PROTESTANT TEACHERS exclusively.**

PROVINCES	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.		
		Roman Catholic.	Protestant.	Total.
ULSTER, . . .	661	3,710	42,418	46,128
Percentage, . . .		8·0	92·0	100
MUNSTER, . . .	24	83	851	934
Percentage, . . .		8·9	91·1	100
LEINSTER, . . .	61	244	4,117	4,361
Percentage, . . .		5·6	94·4	100
CONNAUGHT, . . .	10	61	205	226
Percentage, . . .		18·7	81·3	100
TOTAL, . . .	746	4,098	47,651	51,749
Percentage, . . .		7·9	92·1	100

(c.) ROMAN CATHOLIC and PROTESTANT PUPILS in Schools under ROMAN CATHOLIC and PROTESTANT Teachers conjointly.

Provinces.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.		
		Roman Catholic.	Protestant.	Total.
ULSTER, . . .	27	1,196	1,947	3,143
Percentage, . . .		38·1	61·9	100
MUNSTER, . . .	6	203	282	485
Percentage, . . .		41·0	58·1	100
LEINSTER, . . .	12	2,000	265	2,265
Percentage, . . .		88·3	11·7	100
CONNAUGHT, . . .	.	.	.	.
Percentage, . . .		.	.	.
TOTAL, . . .	45	3,399	2,494	5,893
Percentage, . . .		57·7	42·3	100

(d.) SUMMARY of the foregoing tables (a), (b), (c), showing the Numbers of Pupils in Schools attended by both Roman Catholic and Protestant Pupils.

Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.		
	Roman Catholic.	Protestant.	Total.
2,575	139,186	87,483	196,669
Percentages, . . .	70·8	29·2	100

Schools attended by Roman Catholic or by Protestant Children exclusively.

17. The following table shows, according to provinces, the number of Roman Catholic and Protestant pupils on the rolls of 5,884 schools attended solely by either Roman Catholics or Protestants.

Provinces.	(a.) Under Roman Catholic Teachers exclusively.		(b.) Under Protestant Teachers exclusively.					Total.		
	Schools.	Pupils (all R. C.).	Schools.	Pupils.				Schools.	Pupils.	
	E.O.	Pres.	Meth.	Others.	Total.					
Ulster, . . .	780	67,808	1,007	39,549	51,108	5,384	3,924	100,465	1,877	168,273
Munster, . . .	1,477	123,906	123	3,729	221	278	136	4,305	1,600	128,271
Leinster, . . .	983	98,584	245	9,532	755	426	400	11,211	1,228	109,795
Connacht, . . .	1,008	83,927	81	2,044	207	111	11	2,373	1,179	85,400
Total, . . .	4,338	373,325	1,546	54,854	59,291	6,696	4,570	118,414	5,884	491,739

18. Of the pupils on the rolls of the 8,459 schools dealt with in these returns, 196,669, or 28·6 per cent., were in schools attended by both Roman Catholic and Protestant children, and 491,739, or 71·4 per cent., in schools attended solely by Roman Catholics or solely by Protestants.

19. The percentage of schools having Roman Catholic and Protestant pupils in attendance in each quinquennial period from 1883 to 1908, was as follows:—

PROVINCES.	1883.	1888.	1893.	1898.	1903.	1908.
Ulster, .	73·3	64·5	59·9	50·1	43·0	40·4
Munster, .	37·4	34·4	33·5	29·9	25·3	22·2
Leinster, .	47·8	45·7	41·8	34·1	32·0	29·9
Connnaught, .	42·0	37·0	35·9	28·4	24·2	21·1
All Ireland, .	53·8	48·4	45·5	38·1	33·1	30·4

20. The percentage of schools having an attendance composed either solely of Roman Catholic pupils or solely of Protestant pupils, for each quinquennial period from 1883 to 1908, was as follows:—

PROVINCES.	1883.	1888.	1893.	1898.	1903.	1908.
Ulster, .	26·7	35·5	40·1	49·9	57·0	59·6
Munster, .	62·3	65·6	66·5	70·1	74·7	77·8
Leinster, .	52·2	54·3	58·2	65·9	68·0	70·1
Connnaught, .	58·0	63·0	64·1	71·6	75·8	78·9
All Ireland, .	46·2	51·6	54·5	61·9	66·9	69·6

31. Classification of the Schedule in operation on 31st December, 1948 (except Poor Law Union and Industrial Schools, which are excluded from this Return).

22.—The Convent Schools paid only by capitation rates, which are included in the preceding Return, are here separately classified.

Average Attendance.	Number of Schools.				
	With Boys only on the rolls.	With Girls and Boys under 7 on the rolls.	With Girls only on the rolls.	With Girls and Boys on the rolls.	Total.
Under 30,	—	—	—	—	—
30 and under 35,	—	1	—	—	1
35 "	40,	—	1	2	3
40 "	50,	—	1	3	5
50 "	60,	1	—	1	5
60 "	70,	—	—	5	13
70 "	80,	—	—	4	6
80 "	85,	—	—	4	6
85 "	95,	—	3	5	14
95 "	100,	—	—	3	9
100 "	110,	1*	1	1	10
110 "	120,	—	2	4	6
120 "	130,	—	2	1	10
130 "	140,	4	—	3	9
140 "	150,	1	—	4	8
150 "	160,	—	—	2	4
160 "	185,	1	5	4	22
185 "	200,	—	1	—	8
200 "	230,	—	2	5	21
230 "	275,	—	3	4	19
275 "	300,	—	1	—	8
300 "	350,	—	4	—	21
350 "	400,	—	—	3	8
400 "	500,	—	1	3	11
500 and above,	1	—	—	8	15
				18	22
Total, . . .	9	27	64	208	308

There were also two Monastery Schools receiving payment at capitation rates, with an average attendance of 315 and 404 pupils respectively.

23. In connection with the foregoing tables it may be pointed out that there are 2,305 schools, under women teachers exclusively, with 88,016 boys over seven years of age on the rolls. 809 of these schools have boys over 14 years of age on the rolls, and 1,666 have boys over 11 years of age on the rolls.

There are 1,277 schools, under men teachers exclusively, with 17,998 pupils under seven years of age on the rolls. 1,485 of these pupils are girls.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS OF THE MANAGERS OF THE SCHOOLS.

24. The religious denominations of the managers of the schools (exclusive of the Model schools and the Workhouse schools), on the 31st December, 1908, were as follows:—

Religious Denomination.	Clerical.		Lay.		Total.	
	No. of Managers.	No. of Schools.	No. of Managers.	No. of Schools.	No. of Managers.	No. of Schools.
Roman Catholic,	1,307	5,676	143	170	1,450	5,846
Late Established Church,	711	1,070	235	319	946	1,389
Presbyterian,	382	656	107	219	549	875
Methodist,	52	73	13	16	65	89
Other Denominations,	7	9	32	36	39	45
Total,	2,439	7,484	590	760	3,049	8,244

In addition to these schools there are ten under the joint management of Roman Catholics and Protestants, and twelve under E. C. and Presbyterian management.

MODEL SCHOOLS.

25. The number of Model school establishments in operation at the end of the year was 80. These contain 71 separate departments, each in operation with its own distinct staff and organization.

The average number of pupils on the rolls of the Model schools for the year was 9,016.

The average daily attendance of pupils at these schools for the year was 6,875.

The percentage of the average daily attendance of day pupils for the year to the average number on the rolls was 76.3.

The staff of the Model schools on the 31st December, 1908, consisted of 71 principal teachers, 129 assistant teachers, 6 teachers of special subjects, 87 monitors, 44 pupil teachers appointed under the new regulations, and 4 junior assistant mistresses.

[TABLE.

MODEL SCHOOLS.

26. The following table shows (a) the religious denominations of the pupils on the rolls of the several Model schools on the 31st December, 1908; (b) the average number on rolls; and (c) the average daily attendance:—

Model Schools.	(a) Pupils on Rolls on last day of year.						(b) Average Number on Rolls.	(c) Average Daily Attendance
	R.C.	B.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Others.	Total.		
Central Dublin	701	133	18	7	9	888	847	686
West Dublin	610	5	2	.	.	617	641	479
Inchleure	460	41	3	1	.	505	498	357
Glasnevin	116	4	.	.	.	120	117	90
Athy	.	39	7	7	.	44	56	39
Baileborough	.	80	33	14	.	127	132	96
Ballymena	.	1	66	271	7	352	412	327
Ballymoney	.	26	330	.	1	357	375	288
Belfast	.	6	413	581	94	1,148	1,159	919
Carrikfergus	.	.	78	149	27	288	292	212
Clonmel	.	18	28	1	3	61	72	48
Coleraine	.	6	35	152	8	210	241	180
Cork	.	181	75	11	15	297	333	247
Dunmanway	.	5	65	.	20	90	94	66
Enniscorthy	.	1	92	8	9	112	112	84
Enniskeilen	.	4	128	28	34	194	204	147
Galway	.	1	68	20	4	91	92	64
Kilkenny	.	62	12	.	1	75	80	61
Limerick	.	13	110	26	20	255	263	148
Londonderry	.	.	164	334	27	554	586	477
Lurgan	.	10	137	77	28	279	323	202
Monaghan	.	2	120	126	6	252	251	182
Newry	.	11	112	167	14	320	323	243
Newtownards	.	1	59	331	35	439	448	353
Newtownstewart	.	.	98	63	8	169	167	129
Omagh	.	.	196	121	19	336	347	257
Parsonstown	.	9	72	10	4	95	102	82
Sligo	.	.	136	63	14	217	222	173
Trim	.	148	8	.	.	156	158	114
Waterford	.	7	66	13	23	83	124	87
Total	...	2,811	2,715	2,957	448	311	8,749	9,016
Percentages	...	26·4	31·1	23·8	5·1	3·6	100·0	76·3
Percentage to total on Rolls.								
Percentage of average attendance to average on Rolls.								

27. The following table shows the expenditure on the Model schools in the financial year ended 31st March, 1909.

(The expenditure by the Board of Public Works on repairs, &c., is not included.)

SCHOOL.	Expenditure from State Grants.			Expenditure from Local Sources.			Total					
	General Expenditure, i.e., Rents, Petty Expenses, etc.		Salaries and Allowances to Teaching Staff.	School Fees to Teachers.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Central	310	10	5	3,395	4	10	127	0	11	2,833	5	2
West Dublin	120	14	8	1,516	19	0	67	14	9	1,705	8	5
Glasnevin	102	7	8	362	12	3	19	7	1	484	7	0
Inchicore	43	5	2	1,139	19	9	102	1	3	1,285	6	2
Athy	34	2	0	278	8	3	14	10	4	327	0	7
Ballyfermot	48	11	0	360	4	2	25	12	7	424	7	9
Ballymena	72	1	6	1,228	0	6	56	9	9	1,356	11	9
Ballymoney	40	2	2	1,028	19	0	47	12	4	1,116	13	6
Belfast	483	7	7	3,874	9	7	124	9	7	4,470	6	9
Carrickfergus	68	13	7	906	4	3	65	9	11	1,099	7	9
Clooneel	46	2	0	267	10	1	13	6	4	326	18	5
Coleraine	70	5	9	851	15	7	48	14	3	970	15	7
Cork	326	6	6	1,481	9	4	58	1	3	1,865	17	1
Dunmanway	56	9	9	227	15	3	59	7	2	342	12	2
Enniscorthy	43	13	2	365	0	9	29	7	2	438	1	1
Enniskillen	139	17	4	585	14	8	43	17	6	769	9	6
Galway	70	6	11	258	17	10	54	3	11	488	8	8
Kilkenny	68	17	0	272	3	3	14	10	4	350	10	7
Limerick	100	11	10	728	3	10	53	11	0	882	6	8
Londonderry	187	18	7	1,670	13	1	79	17	0	1,938	8	8
Lurgan	100	12	4	985	2	4	43	7	9	1,124	2	5
Monaghan	51	16	6	920	18	11	91	16	5	1,064	11	10
Newry	77	1	11	1,052	10	0	61	6	4	1,190	18	3
Newtownards	103	13	2	1,142	11	7	49	11	1	1,295	16	10
Newtownstewart	54	0	4	662	11	11	33	17	6	750	9	9
Omagh	80	7	3	1,068	14	10	80	12	10	1,229	14	11
Parsonstown	36	16	6	376	11	0	34	3	11	447	11	5
Sligo	163	7	4	827	18	8	83	11	0	1,074	17	0
Trim	71	18	5	510	5	8	19	7	1	601	11	2
Waterford	131	7	6	529	13	8	39	0	8	700	1	5
Total	3296	5	10	29,026	3	5	1,647	8	0	33,969	17	3
Total Expenditure on the Model Schools										£33,969	17	3
Deduct school fees paid to the Teachers										1,647	8	0
Net Expenditure on the Model Schools out of the Education vote*										£32,322	9	3
Total Payments to the Teaching Staff—												
From vote for Primary Education,												
Day Schools										£23,963	9	11
Evening Schools										57	13	6
School Fees										1,647	8	0
Total										£30,673	11	5

* In this sum is included the expenditure for pupil teachers out of the vote for the financial year ended 31st March, 1909, amounting to £1,447 9s. 11d., exclusive of rents of residences, wages of matrons, payments to doctors, wages and board of servants, &c.

CONVENT AND MONASTERY SCHOOLS.

28. The numbers of these schools, and the attendances, for the year, were as follows:—

Class of School.	Paid solely by Capitation.		
	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Pupils on Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance.
Convent, Monastery,	308 2	94,635 1,043	69,281 722
Total,	310	95,678	70,008
Class of School.	Paid by Personal Salaries, &c.		
	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Pupils on Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance.
Convent, Monastery,	31 52	5,913 9,115	4,358 6,717
Total,	93	15,028	11,075

Lay assistants.
The teaching power in some convent schools is partly made up of lay assistants who, though not paid directly by us, are recognised under special conditions, and are granted valuable privileges in the matter of service, training, etc. On the 31st December, 1908 there were 877 recognised lay assistants in 100 convent schools.

The average number of pupils on the rolls of the convent and monastery national schools for the year was 110,706.

The average daily attendance at these schools for the year was 81,078.

The percentage of the average daily attendance of pupils to the average number on the rolls was 78·2.

WORKHOUSE SCHOOLS.

29. The number of workhouse schools in connection with our Board on 31st December, 1908, was 132, of which 131 were in operation.

The average number of pupils on the rolls of these workhouse schools during the year was 8,814, the total average daily attendance of pupils for the year was 8,218, and the average daily attendance of pupils of 3 to 15 years of age was 8,184.

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOLS.

30. During the session 1908-1909, 385 Elementary Evening Schools were in operation.

Detailed statistics in regard to these schools appear in the Appendix to this Report.

The subjects taught in these schools were as follows:—

Subject.	Number of Schools.	Subject.	Number of Schools.
English,	384	Geography,	17
Arithmetic,	384	Shorthand and Typewriting,	13
History,	213	Cookery,	18
Irish,	185	French,	4
Advanced Arithmetic and Algebra,	49	Practical Geometry,	1
Bookkeeping,	140	Agriculture,	1
Geometry and Mensuration	42	Model Drawing,	4
Singing,	11	Latin,	2
Needlework,	26	Elocution,	2
Dressmaking,	3	Drill,	1
Health and Habits,	139	Land Surveying,	1
Drawing,	15	General Information,	2
Elementary Science,	3	Domestic Economy,	2
Geometrical Drawing,	15	Mining,	1

During the financial year payments amounting to £9,222 16s. 1d. were made to the Evening Schools.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

31. In 27 National Schools, pupils of Industrial Schools (certified under the Industrial Schools Act) were in attendance. The number of these pupils on the rolls on the last day of the year was 291 boys and 1,393 girls—total, 1,684; and the average daily attendance was for pupils of all ages 1,658, and for those of 3 to 15 years of age, 1,595. The industrial pupils attending school are instructed in the same manner as the ordinary day pupils; but payment for their instruction is not made by us, but by the Industrial Schools Department.

Teaching Power.

32. The teachers in our service on 31st December, 1908, receiving personal salaries were as follows:—

Principals.		Assistants.		Total.	Junior Assistant Mistresses.	Work-mistresses.
Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.			
4,612	3,514	1,223	3,482	12,731	2,022	188
8,026		4,705				
Gross Total, 14,941						

There were also in the service 5 temporary assistants (2 men and 3 women), 6 junior literary assistants, and 45 industrial teachers.

New Teachers.

33. During the year ended 31st December, 1908, there were 517 persons appointed for the first time as principal or assistant teachers. Of these 346 had been trained in Training colleges and 171 were not so trained.

ANTECEDENTS OF NEW PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

	Principals.			Assistants.			Gross Total.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	
I.—TEACHERS TRAINED IN A TRAINING COLLEGE.							
" Marlborough-street,"	.	10	23	33	15	30	45
" St. Patrick's,"	.	10	16	26	15	25	40
" Our Lady of Mercy,"	.	12	25	37	20	29	49
" Church of Ireland,"	.	16	34	50	4	12	16
" De la Salle,"	.	12	32	44	22	38	60
" St. Mary's," Belfast,	.	7	9	16	21	28	53
" Mary Immaculate,"	.	9	9	18	11	11	22
An English or Scotch Training College	.	1	1	2	—	—	1
" Mariet College," Dumfries,	.	—	—	—	2	2	4
Total Trained,	62	77	139	94	115	207	346
II.—TEACHERS NOT TRAINED IN A TRAINING COLLEGE.							
Served as Pupil Teachers or Monitors,	.	4	17	21	10	108	118
Served as Lay Assistants,	.	—	—	—	1	3	4
Junior Assistant }	.	1*	1*	—	—	11	11
Mistresses,	.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers certificated under English or Scotch Department, but who had not been trained in a Training College,	.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Members of Religious Orders	.	—	—	—	7	1	8
Other Teachers,	.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.	4	18	22	90	120	240	371
Total new Teachers,	66	95	161	114	243	358	601

*Locum tenens teacher for one month.

Teachers who died or retired from the service.

34. During the year 69 teachers died and 304 others left the service. The causes of retirement, so far as they can be ascertained, are given in the following table:—

Cause of Retirement.	Men.		Women.		Total.		
	Principals.	Assistants.	Principals.	Assistants.	Principals.	Assistants.	Total.
1. Pensioned.							
Disability Pension or Gratuity,	49	—	57	10	116	26	142
2. Death,	27	12	19	19	11	46	56
3. Ill-health,	9	—	2	1	4	—	5
4. Married,	—	—	22	22	22	22	44
5. Emigrated,	10	—	12	12	14	12	31
6. Change of profession,	—	—	—	—	11	11	18
7. To teach in England or Scotland,	—	—	—	—	9	9	10
8. To teach under other organizations,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Dismissed by the Manager or by the Commissioners,	3	1	—	—	3	1	4
10. Not known,	8	8	—	—	8	8	9
Totals.	120	82	125	95	245	192	437

Monitors and Pupil Teachers.

35. In the service on the 31st December, 1908:—

(a) MONITORS.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	Old Class.		New Class.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
1st July, 1904,	123	477	.	.
Do. 1905,	72	365	.	.
Do. 1906,	57	221	46	178
Do. 1907,	26	118	82	338
Do. 1908,	.	1	86	400
Totals,	278	1,182	214	916

(b) PUPIL TEACHERS.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	Boys.	Girls.
1st September, 1906,	7	3
Do. 1907,	17	36
Do. 1908,	17	37

Annual Examinations.

36. Pupil teachers and monitors in their final year of service, candidates for admission to the Training colleges, provisionally recognised candidates for appointment as junior assistant mistresses, and some few provisionally recognised teachers seeking Third Grade certificates, are examined at Easter.

King's scholars in training, and teachers seeking Certificates of competency to teach extra branches, are examined in the month of July.

The following is a summary of the persons examined in July, 1908:—

Two-year King's Scholars at the end of their first year of Training, ...	...	...	...	551
One-year and two-year King's Scholars at the end of their course of Training, ...	...	...	...	640
Teachers examined for Certificates of competency to teach extra subjects, ...	...	...	...	107

Total, ...	...	...	...	1,358

The following were examined at Easter, 1909:—

Candidate Junior Assistant Mistresses, ...	...	...	340
Third-year Monitors in Co. Kerry (for Local Prizes), ...	...	...	12
Monitors and Pupil Teachers in their final year, provisionally recognised Teachers and Candidates for Training, ...	...	...	2,553

Total, ...	...	...	2,905

Teachers' Pensions and Gratuities.

37. Pensions granted in 1908:—

	MEN.		WOMAN,	
	No.	Total amount £	No.	Total amount £
For ill health	9	97	10	58
On voluntary retirement ...	40	1,892	27	675
On compulsory retirement ...	19	905	59	2,065
Pensions payable on 31st December, 1908 ...	972	37,400	1,147	83,817

The number of Teachers paying premiums in the various classes on 31st December, 1908, was:—

Men,	Class.			Women,	Class.		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
"	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1,894	"	1 st	871
"	2	...	...	1,764	"	2	1,420
"	3	...	...	2,386	"	3	4,465
Total, ...	...	...	...	5,694	Total, ...	...	6,887

Income and Expenditure of the Pension Fund.

38. The following statement relative to the Pension Fund has been furnished to us by the Teachers' Pension Office:—

The Income and Expenditure of the Pension Fund during the year 1908 were as follows:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
INCOME:—		
Two half-year's Interest on £1,800,000,	39,000 0 0	
Interest on Stock,	28,039 19 5	
Premiums paid by Teachers,	24,515 7 8	
Vote in aid, ^t	18,000 0 0	
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	109,555 7 1	

EXPENDITURE:—

Pensions paid to Teachers,	69,800 11 9	
Premiums refunded on Disenchantment, ...	657 1 1	
Ditto on Resignation or Death,	5,059 10 4	
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	75,517 3 2	

Surplus of Income over Expenditure,	34,038 3 11	
Amount realised by sale of £10,000 0s. Od. Stock,	10,000 0 0	
Cash Balance on 1st January, 1908,	750 15 9	
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	41,788 19 8	
Sum invested in purchase of £47,554 12s. 10d. Stock,	44,039 19 5	
Cash Balance on 31st December, 1908,	749 0 8	

The invested Capital of the Fund stood thus:—

	£ s. d.
1st January, 1908, Debt of the Church Temporalities Fund,	1,800,000 0 0
Stock in hand,	£1,049,647 17 5
Stock bought in 1908,	47,554 12 10
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	1,097,202 10 5
Stock sold in 1908,	10,000 0 0
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In hand 31st December, 1908, ...	£1,087,202 10 5
	£1,800,000 0 0

^t NOTE.—The sum of £15,000 0s. Od. in aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund was paid over by us within the year to the Fund.

Expenditure on the Schools and the Teaching Staffs for the Year 1908.

39. As far as we have been able to ascertain the expenditure on the Schools and the payments to the teaching staffs from all sources amounted to £1,591,214 1s. 4d., as shown in the following table. This would give an average of £3 5s. 0d. for each child in average daily attendance during the year.

(a) From State Grants :

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. From the grant for Primary Education and from the Ireland Development Fund :—			
Payments to the teachers £1,401,755 11 11			
Retiring gratuities ... 343 8 8			
Central Model Schools—			
School requisites ... 4 1 7			
Central Model Schools—			
Chariot and Petty expenses ... 817 10 4			
Other Model Schools—			
School Requisites ... 95 18			
Other Model Schools—			
Rents and Petty expenses ... 8,816 9 10			
Incidental expenses of schools (rents, &c.) ... 85 9 8			
Free Stocks of school requisites to ordinary schools ... 476 12 6			
Equipment grants ... 600 0 7			
Measures of rent charge on teachers' residence	<u>6,260 11 2</u>	<u>1,413,254 8 9</u>	

II. From the vote for the Board of Public Works :—

Expenditure on building new schools, and the enlargement, improvement, and repair of existing vested schools	—	<u>87,885 7 4</u>	—
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Total from State Grants

(b) From Local sources :

Payments to the teachers (see p. 15 & 45) ...	—	18,250 12 6	—
New buildings, structural improvements, repairs, painting, &c., and school furniture ...	—	62,410 18 2	—
Other expenditure (see p. 15) ...	—	59,412 14 7	—

Total from Local sources

Total expenditure on the schools and teaching staffs,	1,591,214 1 4		
Rate per pupil from (a) State Grants ...	... 2 19 8		
Rate per pupil from (b) Local Sources ...	... 0 5 9		
Rate per pupil from all Sources ...	... 8 5 0		

40. Expenditure from State Grants on Primary Education in Ireland, from 1899-1900 to 1908-9.

Year.	Expenditure.				Rate per Pupil in average attendance (The pupils in Workhouse and Industrial Schools are excluded).
	From the Vote for Primary Education,	From the Ireland Development Fund,	From the Vote for the Board of Public Works,	Total.	
1899-1900	1,209,993	.	46,127	1,256,120	2 9 6
1900-1901	1,287,943	.	49,486	1,337,429	2 16 7
1901-1902	1,305,290	.	39,922	1,345,212	2 16 5
1902-1903	1,333,277	.	44,223	1,377,500	2 17 2
1903-1904	1,375,873	.	25,304	1,401,177	2 18 8
1904-1905	1,389,011	16,779	31,114	1,437,804	3 0 0
1905-1906	1,390,633	36,265	39,145	1,466,263	2 19 2
1906-1907	1,381,829	45,914	24,430	1,452,173	2 19 5
1907-1908	1,391,981	60,467	15,981	1,468,429	3 1 1
1908-1909	1,529,525	57,014	37,885	1,624,424	3 6 4

41. The amounts paid by the State in the financial year 1908-9 to the Teaching Staffs of the *principal classes* of day National schools were as follows:—

Class of Schools (Excluding Poor Law Union and Industrial Schools).	No. of Schools.	Average daily attendance.	Total State Aid to Teaching Staff.	Average payment per pupil in average daily attendance.
1. Ordinary schools, .	7,872	401,838	1,173,468 0 0	2 18 5
2. Model schools, .	71	6,875	28,968 0 0	4 4 3
3. Convent and Monastery schools (Personal Salaries, &c.)	83	11,075	28,986 0 0	2 12 4
4. Convent and Monastery schools (Capitation)	310	70,003	163,454 0 0	2 6 1
Total . .	8,330	480,791	1,392,876 0 0	2 16 11

42. Rates of INCOME from State Sources of Teachers in the Service on 31st December, 1908. (Exclusive of grants for Special Subjects and fees for Evening School Instruction.)

Rate of Income.	MEN.		WOMEN.	
	Principals.	Assistants.	Principals.	Assistants.
Under £50	.	.	4†	.
£50 and under £60	25*	.	373	1,349
£60	£70	178	353	728
£70	£80	534	374	550
£80	£90	630	232	508
£90	£100	445	196	304
£100	£110	505	37	406
£110	£120	445	3	168
£120	£130	684	1	165
£130	£140	124	5	156
£140	£150	179	4	54
£150	£160	226	11	36
£160	£170	91	.	67
£170	£180	41	5	20
£180	£190	35	2	8
£190	£200	54	.	4
£200	£225	89	.	.
£225	£250	17	.	3
£250	£300	7	.	.
£300 and above	.	3	.	.
Total	4,512	1,223	3,514	3,483

* In 13 of these cases the average daily attendance of pupils during the year 1908 was under 15. In the remaining 12 cases the average attendance was under 30.

† In one of these cases the average daily attendance of pupils during the year 1908 was 6, in two other cases the average was 8, and in the remaining case the average was 10.

Average rates of INCOME from
State sources

Principals	Men	...	£110	13	6
	Women	...	£88	19	4
Assistants	Men	...	£79	10	6
	Women	...	£67	11	2

43. Classification of Schools inspected during the year 1908.

—	Excellent.	Very Good.	Good.	Fair.	Middling.	Bad.	Total.
Number of Schools	274	1,542	3,417	2,184	341	25	7,783
Percentage .	3·5	19·8	43·9	28·1	4·4	0·3	100

44. Training Colleges.

Name of College.	Manager.	Date from which recognised.	Number of King's Scholars for which at present licensed.	
			Men.	Women.
"Marlborough-street" (Dublin).	The Commissioner of National Education.	1894	130	165
"St. Patrick's" (Drumcondra, Dublin).	His Grace the Most Rev. W. J. Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin.	1 Sept., 1893	165	-
"Our Lady of Mercy" (O'Conor Park, Black- rock, Co. Dublin).	No.	1 Sept., 1893	-	200
"Church of Ireland" (Kil- dare place, Dublin).	His Grace the Most Rev. J. P. Pearce, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin.	1 Sept., 1894	50	85
"De la Salle" (Waterford).	The Most Rev. B. A. Sheehan, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.	1 Sept., 1894	200	-
"St. Mary's" (Belfast).	The Most Rev. J. Tóibhl, D.D., Bishop of Down and Connor.	1 Sept., 1900	-	100
"Mary Immaculate" (Limerick).	The Most Rev. R. T. O'Dwyer, D.D., Bishop of Limerick.	1 Sept., 1901	-	100
			545	650
			1,196	

45. The following Table shows the number of candidates for admission to training (one and two years' courses) in 1908 in each of the Training colleges and the antecedents of those admitted to the two years' course:—

	One-Year Course.		Two-Year Course.				
	Number of Candidates.	Number admitted to Training.	Number of Candidates.	Number admitted to Training.	Antecedents.		
					Monitors	Pupil Teachers	Ex- Pupils
<i>(For Men.)</i>							
"Marlborough-street,"	8	8	94	64	15	25	23
"St. Patrick's,"	17	10	900	54	26	38	-
"Church of Ireland,"	9	9	53	38	8	6	15
"De la Salle,"	16	6	849	104	20	-	75
Total,	40	33	672	275	73	90	172
<i>(For Women.)</i>							
"Marlborough-street,"	45	39*	279	151	31	69	23
"Our Lady of Mercy,"	38	19	500	36	60	41	4
"Church of Ireland,"	9	8	140	42	11	6	25
"St. Mary's,"	51	11	207	46	27	-	19
"Mary Immaculate,"	35	4	203	50	28	-	23
Total,	218	74	1,609	530	187	45	129

* Includes 1 extern.

† Includes 15 externa.

46. KING'S SCHOLARS IN TRAINING—SESSION 1907-1908.

Name of College,	No. of King's Scholars at com- mencement of Session 1907-1908.	No. who remained until close of Session.	First Year's Examination of Two-Year Students,			Result of Final Examination,				
							One-Year Students,		Two-Year Students,	
			No. Re- examined.	No. Passed.	No. Re- examined.	No. Passed.	No. Ex- amined.	No. Passed.	No. Ex- amined.	No. Passed.
MEN.										
"Marlborough-street," .	110	110*	34	95	8	6	40*	45*		
"St. Patrick's," .	105	105	76	73	16	14	70	65		
"Church of Ireland," .	27	37	24	18			13	11		
"De la Salle," .	200	199*	68	91	4	4	95*	99*		
Total (Men), .	621	621	228	228	28	24	297	300		
WOMEN.										
"Marlborough-street," .	165	165	53(1)	48(1)	37	35	76	71		
"Our Lady of Mercy," .	200	200	96	95	7	7	97	95		
"Church of Ireland," .	98	98	42	40	7	7	49(2)	45		
"St. Mary's," .	100	100	43	45	13	13	44	43		
"Mary Immaculate," .	100	98	49	47	4	4	45	45		
EXTERNES.										
"Marlborough-street," .	10	9(0)	0	5	1	1	3*	3		
"Our Lady of Mercy," .	7	9*	9*	1						
Total (Women), .	680	675	302	270	60	57	334	335		
Total (Men & Women), .	1,301	1,320	520	517	97	91	641	635		

(1) Exclusive of One declined eligible for second year.

(2) Includes One who did not complete the examination.

(3) One extern student was admitted as an intern towards the end of April.

* Additional students admitted towards end of session to complete a previously interrupted course of training.

1 Man in Marlborough-street.—Final Year.

1 " De la Salle.

1 Woman in Our Lady of Mercy. "

1 " " First Year.

47. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the KING'S SCHOLARS ad-
mitted to MARLBOROUGH-STREET TRAINING COLLEGE for the
Session 1908-9.

—		E.C.	B.O.	Pres.	Method.	Others.	Total.
1908-9	King's Scholars in Residence,	66	66	136	26	2	295
	Extern	7	2	6	3	.	17

48. The following Tables show, for each of the past ten sessions, the number of One-year and Two-year Students respectively in the Training Colleges, the number of Resident Students in each College, and the amounts of the Annual Grants to the Colleges.

(a.) Number of One-year and Two-year Students in the Training Colleges for each of the last ten Sessions, Men and Women being given separately:—

Year.	MEN.			WOMEN.		
	One-Year.	Two-Year		One-Year.	Two-Year	
		In Second Year.	In First Year.		In Second Year.	In First Year.
1899-1900	79	205	209	51	175	180
1900-1	92	194	204	55	171	264
1901-2	109	199	186	77	240	272
1902-3	70	180	240	69	203	238
1903-4	69	219	191	69	292	276
1904-5	60	212	169	61	339	263
1905-6	36	186	216	57	227	275
1906-7	30	206	240	82	260	327
1907-8	29	228	264	70	316	294
1908-9	23	241	275	74	281	320

(b.) NUMBER of resident students in the various Training Colleges during the past ten sessions.

Session.	"Marlborough Street."		"St. Patrick's."		"Our Lady of Mercy."		"Church of Ireland."		"De La Salle."		"St. Mary's."		Total Students.		
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	Total
1899-1900,	133	165	165	136	17	71	130	-	-	-	102	102	884		
1900-1,	129	165	162	131	47	71	130	100	-	-	480	481	910		
1901-2,	130	165	163	136	58	79	130	100	75	93	575	575	1,068		
1902-3,	130	165	165	136	41	85	130	100	75	89	561	561	1,070		
1903-4,	113	165	165	136	38	88	130	100	80	100	466	609	1,045		
1904-5,	93	145	165	200	33	90	130	100	100	100	411	655	1,095		
1905-6,	95	145	165	200	28	92	119	100	100	100	437	657	1,094		
1906-7,	106	165	165	200	31	93	175	100	100	100	476	667	1,122		
1907-8,	119	165	165	200	37	98	200	100	100	100	511	663	1,151		
1908-9,	135	165	165	200	18	91	200	100	100	100	526	636	1,165		

(c.) ANNUAL GRANTS to the Training Colleges during the past ten years.

Year.	"Marlborough Street."		"St. Patrick's."		"Our Lady of Mercy."		"Church of Ireland."		"De La Salle."		"St. Mary's."		"Mary Immaculate."		Total
	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	
1899-1900,	15,712	5 10	10,910	16 3	7,551	1 0	6,468	9 1	7,816	2 6	-	-	-	-	45,081 11 8
1900-1,	13,416	18 11	10,308	16 11	7,213	13 5	6,111	11 4	7,221	18 2	1,880	0 0	-	-	46,895 18 9
1901-2,	13,140	11 9	11,480	13 9	7,003	10 3	6,388	1 7	8,202	4 3	3,284	0 0	600	0 0	50,386 1 1
1902-3,	13,173	6 2	10,912	10 3	7,378	3 11	6,313	17 3	8,057	7 0	3,167	18 11	3,195	2 9	53,330 3 1
1903-4,	14,628	1 0	11,943	7 11	8,002	13 1	7,303	0 10	8,537	5 6	3,857	6 7	3,002	18 6	55,332 6 1
1904-5,	21,718	16 3(6)	11,716	14 0	8,696	5 11(*)	7,215	13 0	10,321	1 9	3,645	3 10	3,162	17 3	65,209 17 1
1905-6,	12,657	8 1(6)	11,216	19 11	9,237	10 1(*)	6,785	13 0	8,790	11 10	4,292	4 0	3,763	18 11	63,859 11 1
1906-7,	30,680	12 1(6)	11,587	19 10	9,216	10 3(*)	6,490	11 3	9,053	8 1(*)	3,961	0 0	3,362	0 0	71,308 8 4
1907-8,	21,881	19 3(6)	11,595	15 2	9,480	9 3(*)	7,157	0 3	10,631	10 2(*)	4,036	7 8	4,221	0 0	72,297 15 2
1908-9,	17,611	9 6(6)	11,620	7 2	9,361	10 3(*)	7,129	11 3	11,257	13 5(*)	4,128	0 0	4,882	8 5	65,086 9 9

(a.) Includes £20,000 from the Ireland Development Fund towards the cost of providing new residences for the King's Scholars.

(b.) Includes £5,835 from the Ireland Development Fund towards the cost of providing new residences for the King's Scholars.

(c.) Includes £17,428 10s. from the Ireland Development Fund towards the cost of providing new residences for the King's Scholars.

(d.) Includes £22,300 14s. from the Ireland Development Fund towards the cost of providing new residences for the King's Scholars.

(e.) Includes £1,236 10s. from the Ireland Development Fund towards the cost of providing new residences for the King's scholars.

(*) Includes grant from the Ireland Development Fund for the cost of additional King's Scholars.

49. THE TOTAL NUMBER of TRAINED TEACHERS in the SERVICE on 31st December, 1908, was 8,285, or 64·7 per cent. of the total number of Principal and Assistant Teachers in the Service, made up as follows:—

College in which Trained.	PRINCIPALS.			ASSISTANTS.			Total Teachers
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	
"Marlborough street"	1,151	672	1,823	189	617	806	2,629
"St. Patrick's"	1,402	.	1,402	377	.	377	1,779
"Our Lady of Mercy"	.	1,140	1,140	.	585	585	1,675
"Church of Ireland"	271	360	631	22	184	206	887
"De La Salle"	548	.	548	232	.	232	780
"St. Mary's"	.	188	188	.	171	171	359
"Mary Immaculate"	.	97	97	.	108	108	205
English or Scotch College	4	8	12	2	.	2	15
Institution of the Presentation Brothers	1	.	1	5	.	5	6
Total	3,877	2,415	6,292	824	3,615	2,418	8,285
Percentage of the Trained Teachers to the total number of Teachers under each heading	74·8	68·7	79·2	67·7	46·4	51·9	64·7

50. Numbers of Trained and Untrained Teachers (i.e. Principals and Assistants), and percentage of the number trained to the total number, for each of the following years:—

Year	Trained Teachers	Untrained Teachers	Total	Percentage of the Trained Teachers to the total number of Teachers
1880	3,309	7,305	10,674	31·0
1885	3,528	7,422	10,950	32·2
1890	4,159	6,960	11,119	37·4
1895	5,190	6,060	11,850	43·8
1900	6,026	5,902	11,928	50·5
1905	7,580	4,907	12,527	60·3
1906	7,793	4,805	12,598	61·9
1907	8,030	4,875	12,705	63·2
1908	8,235	4,496	12,731	64·7

51. Colleges for the teaching of Irish.

A payment of £5 is made to special colleges for the teaching of Irish in respect of each teacher who, having attended the required number of lessons, passes the examination at the end of the course, and who subsequently teaches Irish satisfactorily in a public school for one year. In order to facilitate their attendance at these courses, teachers are granted vacation to the extent of 50 days in the year in which they attend a course, provided their schools are kept open for at least 200 days in such year. Seven colleges have been recognised, and since they were opened, 317 of the students have been registered as qualified to teach Irish as an ordinary or extra subject. These colleges will do much to meet the demand for suitably trained teachers of Irish in schools situated in Irish-speaking localities and in other schools throughout the country in which it is desired that Irish shall be taught.

The following Colleges have been recognised:—

Name.	Patron or President.	Manager or Secretary.
The Four Masters College (Letterkenny).	The Most Rev. Doctor O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe.	Rev. E. Maguire, D.D.
The Ulster College (Cloghaneely, Gortahork, Co. Donegal).	Dail Uladh (Ulster Gaelic Union).	Miss Ada MacNeill.
The Connacht College (Tourmakeady, Ballinrobe).	The Most Rev. Doctor Healy, Archbishop of Tuam.	Rev. J. Corbet, P.P. (Manager), J. A. Glynn (Secretary).
The Munster College (Ballingary, Macroom).	—	Liam De Roiste.
The Ring College (Ring, Dungarvan).	The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.	P. O'Kiely.
The Belfast College (Bank Street, Belfast).	The Most Rev. Doctor Tahill, Bishop of Down and Connor.	Rev. J. H. O'Neill, P.P.
The Leinster College (25 Rutland Square, Dublin).	—	G. A. Moenan.

Compulsory Attendance Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892.

52. At the end of the year 1908, 210 School Attendance Committees existed, 90 in Urban Districts and 120 in Rural Districts. According to reports received from the Committees, the provisions of the Act were enforced, during the year, by 207 of these Committees.

Under the provisions of the Act, children over 6 and under 14, with certain exceptions, are required to attend school, and to make 75 complete attendances in each half-year ending respectively the 30th June and 31st December.

There are 40 towns having municipal government, to which the provisions of the Act apply, but for which school attendance committees have not been appointed. There are 126 Rural Districts without school attendance committees.

We give here a table showing, for the places with school attendance committees and for those without school attendance committees respectively, the average number of pupils on the rolls of the National Schools, the average daily attendance, and the percentage of the average daily attendance to the average number on the rolls:—

	PLACES WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEES.			PLACES WITHOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEES.		
	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls	Average Daily Attend- ance	Per- centage of the Average Daily Attendance to the Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls	Average Daily Attend- ance	Per- centage of the Average Daily Attendance to the Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls
Urban Districts .	205,725	152,816	74·0	27,500	20,417	74·2
Rural Districts .	216,547	151,483	70·0	259,230	170,446	65·8
Total . .	422,272	303,799	71·9	286,730	190,863	66·6

Programme of Instruction.

53. TABLE showing the Number of Pupils on the Rolls on 31st December, 1908 (arranged according to Standards), who were under Instruction in the various Subjects of the Programme.

Subject.	Standard.							Total
	1 including Infants.	2	3	4	5	6	7 and 8	
English (Reading and Spelling, Writing, Composition and Grammar).	294,878	91,395	60,824	78,101	70,871	42,867	20,065	689,661
History, . . .	47,067	42,476	73,937	75,497	70,065	42,432	19,922	371,416
Geography, . . .	57,126	56,244	89,643	77,008	70,738	42,745	20,018	414,422
Arithmetic, . . .	294,878	91,395	60,824	78,101	70,871	42,867	20,065	689,661
Singing, . . .	260,003	78,792	77,807	66,637	60,806	36,223	17,862	598,136
Drawing, . . .	285,464	91,065	90,446	77,690	70,633	42,068	19,912	677,918
Needlework (Girls), .	126,469	46,617	46,297	39,868	37,202	23,030	12,382	330,865
Physical Drill, .	287,116	89,488	88,429	75,835	68,824	41,541	19,250	670,483
Manual Instruction and Kindergarten.	222,601	47,874	5,330	1,062	962	697	334	278,886
Observation Lessons and Elementary Experimental Science.	267,173	83,773	82,344	68,253	61,176	37,226	16,804	616,749
Domestic Science, .	2,934	1,970	4,397	11,087	12,902	7,763	5,190	46,201
Cookery (Girls), .	91	688	3,568	9,331	15,514	8,650	4,089	41,941
Laundry Work (Girls)	43	108	474	828	1,667	1,455	967	5,542
Hygiene (Health and Habits).	91,469	41,251	59,127	62,546	61,603	37,472	17,455	278,923
Irish (as an ordinary subject).	31,119	11,358	4,850	3,666	2,923	1,764	736	56,416
Irish (as an extra subject).	8,213	4,383	32,435	20,018	26,436	16,602	8,874	125,961
Irish (bilingual programme).	5,932	2,098	1,904	1,475	1,071	640	304	13,424
French, . . .	-	-	-	81	453	789	1,476	2,799
Latin, . . .	-	-	-	2	76	237	447	762
Arithmetic & Algebra, Geometry & Mensuration.	-	-	-	-	19,930	15,000	8,618	43,557
-	-	-	-	-	10,995	10,061	7,093	28,659

54. The following table shows the Number of Schools in which pupils were under instruction in certain Subjects on 31st December, 1908. (See also pp. 80 and 81.)

Subject	No. of Schools.	Subject	No. of Schools.
Vocal Music,	7,063	Domestic Science,	1,116
Drawing,	8,444	Hygiene—Health and Habits,	7,268
Needlework,	6,362	Irish,	3,047
Manual Instruction and Kindergarten.	5,750	French,	229
Object Lessons and Elementary Science.	7,942	Latin,	116
Cookery,	1,596	Arithmetic and Algebra,	2,480
Laundry Work,	227	Geometry and Mensuration,	1,950
		History	8,138

55. RETURN showing the number of Schools in which special fees were paid for instruction given in certain branches, and the amount paid for the school-year ended 30th June, 1908.

Branch.	Number of Schools in which fees were paid,	Amount paid.
		£ s. d.
Irish	1,507	10,227 16 8
Bilingual Programme ...	106	1,538 15 0
Mathematics ...	1,011	5,197 10 2
Cookery	804	4,977 1 6
Laundry	89	528 2 6

Merit Certificates.

56. Over 380 Merit Certificates were issued during the year to pupils over 13 years of age who had been enrolled in the Seventh Standard for one year, and who had, in the opinion of the inspectors, attained to considerable proficiency in English, Arithmetic, and Geography. The number of pupils enrolled in Seventh or higher Standard increased from 9,143 in 1904 to 20,065 at the end of the year 1908.

Commissioners.

57. We regret that we have to record the death of The Right Hon. Sir Rowland Blennerhassett, Bart., LL.D., D.L., one of the members of the Board. On the 23rd March, 1909, we passed the following resolution :—

"The Commissioners of National Education wish to express their sense of the loss they and the general public have sustained by the death of their colleague, Sir Rowland Blennerhassett, who was so distinguished in the realm of literature by his wide culture, deep learning and knowledge of European politics, and so anxious to forward the interests of education in this country and assist the work of this Board."

The vacancy created by his death has been filled by the appointment of Laurence Ambrose Waldron, Esquire, M.P.

Statistics.

58. Attached hereto are statistics as to the schools and our financial statement for the year ended the 31st March, 1909.

59. We submit this, as our Report for the past year, to Your Excellency, and in testimony thereof have caused our corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 31st day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.



P. E. LEMASS,
W. J. DILWORTH, } Secretaries.

TABLE showing for each County the number of Schools in operation on the 31st December, 1908, and the Religious Denominations of the Pupils on the Rolls of the Schools.

PROVINCES AND COUNTIES.	Number of Schools in opera- tion on 31st Dec. 1908	Religious Denominations of the Pupils on the Rolls on 31st December, 1908.					
		R.C.	R.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Others	Total
ULSTER :							
Antrim,	688	17,067	20,102	34,732	3,468	2,200	78,229
Armagh,	265	9,351	7,025	3,556	868	321	21,121
Cavan,	265	11,959	2,279	516	128	26	14,908
Donegal,	434	21,412	2,680	2,677	203	25	26,987
Down,	590	12,194	12,388	21,508	1,897	2,076	49,973
Fermanagh	177	5,208	3,409	199	489	55	9,531
Londonderry,	290	9,876	4,677	7,333	236	327	22,349
Monaghan,	181	8,700	1,514	1,621	79	22	11,836
Tyrone,	359	11,675	5,366	4,246	403	299	21,899
Total,	3,159	108,042	59,430	76,188	7,852	5,321	256,833
MUNSTER :							
Clare,	260	19,039	206	57	1	1	19,308
Cork,	719	57,072	3,112	136	249	185	60,754
Kerry,	362	30,062	627	34	25	7	30,755
Limerick,	258	21,672	548	39	68	42	22,369
Tipperary,	321	32,792	844	38	54	15	23,743
Waterford,	140	11,126	335	34	31	29	11,555
Total,	2,000	161,763	5,672	338	427	279	188,479
LEINSTER :							
Carlow,	81	5,136	601	8	5	11	5,761
Dublin,	382	44,765	7,095	661	376	858	53,740
Kildare,	104	7,318	502	45	11	11	7,887
Kilkenny,	172	11,524	361	18	-	13	11,915
King's,	122	7,751	613	27	7	2	8,400
Longford,	108	6,861	512	21	26	14	7,434
Louth,	113	8,758	483	102	22	13	9,438
Meath,	139	9,424	506	25	3	6	9,984
Queen's,	117	6,856	767	50	22	7	7,702
Westmeath,	141	8,574	534	28	19	8	9,163
Wexford,	176	12,130	994	28	20	10	13,183
Wicklow,	129	6,970	1,476	69	80	33	8,618
Total,	1,754	136,067	14,444	1,123	591	980	153,205
CONNAUGHT :							
Galway,	416	32,907	423	43	11	2	33,385
Leitrim,	290	10,598	649	39	49	2	11,647
Mayo,	422	33,884	545	82	7	4	34,523
Roscommon,	243	16,920	314	34	1	13	17,282
Sligo,	214	12,574	917	108	43	5	13,647
Total,	1,495	106,883	3,148	306	121	26	110,484
Ulster,	3,159	108,042	59,430	76,188	7,852	5,321	256,833
Munster,	2,000	161,763	5,672	338	427	279	188,479
Leinster,	1,754	136,067	14,444	1,123	591	980	153,205
Connaught,	1,495	106,883	3,148	306	121	26	110,484
All Ireland,	8,468	512,765	82,694	77,966	8,991	6,606	559,001

The following table, compiled from returns furnished through the managers, shows for each province and county the amounts received by the teaching staff in (a) school fees, and also (b) their receipts from other sources of local aid during the year ended 31st December, 1908.

PROVINCE AND COUNTIES.	SCHOOL FEES.			OTHER LOCAL AID.			TOTAL.
	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.		AMOUNT.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.		AMOUNT.	
ULSTER:							
Antrim, ...	30	£	s. d.	55	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh, ...	5	44	17 10	31	491	18 4	586 15 2
Cavan, ...	—	—	—	30	419	3 8	419 3 8
Donegal, ...	1	1	6 6	52	474	5 2	475 11 8
Down, ...	29	536	6 4	70	854	0 0	1,890 6 4
Fermanagh, ...	—	—	—	28	501	8 6	561 3 6
Londonderry, ...	4	34	9 8	77	1,275	18 6	1,810 8 2
Monaghan, ...	—	—	—	15	174	18 0	174 18 0
Tyrone, ...	1	7	1 6	42	448	2 0	450 3 6
Total, ...	70	1,178	2 6	400	4,974	17 9	6,148 0 3
MUNSTER:							
Clare, ...	5	15	13 6	7	99	1 8	114 15 2
Cork, ...	24	215	6 8	61	710	3 9	925 9 11
Kerry, ...	5	13	16 1	37	491	8 11	505 5 0
Limerick, ...	9	48	15 0	27	817	14 0	866 9 0
Tipperary, ...	8	38	0 11	37	454	0 0	502 0 11
Waterford, ...	4	6	10 6	20	341	18 8	348 15 2
Total, ...	55	839	8 8	195	2,424	6 6	2,762 15 2
LEINSTER:							
Carlow, ...	—	—	—	18	215	10 0	215 10 0
Dublin, ...	17	100	13 1	102	2,088	19 0	2,184 12 1
Kildare, ...	6	11	8 8	21	390	0 4	401 13 0
Kilkenny, ...	1	4	14 0	14	149	14 0	154 8 0
King's, ...	3	4	11 10	15	211	11 0	216 2 10
Longford, ...	3	11	15 6	12	221	12 10	238 8 4
Louth, ...	1	2	0 0	16	259	2 6	201 2 6
Meath, ...	2	13	0 0	31	684	3 4	707 3 4
Queen's, ...	1	6	0 8	26	281	15 0	281 15 0
Westmeath, ...	2	28	3 6	10	277	5 2	305 8 8
Wexford, ...	4	3	18 10	24	320	10 10	324 9 8
Wicklow, ...	0	42	0 9	56	987	8 2	979 8 11
Total, ...	46	222	1 10	363	6,053	1 2	6,275 8 0
CONNAUGHT:							
Galway, ...	1	0	0 0	22	882	13 11	888 18 11
Leitrim, ...	—	—	—	20	187	1 0	187 1 0
Mayo, ...	1	7	10 0	25	895	1 0	402 11 0
Roscommon, ...	4	5	8 7	8	114	9 2	119 17 9
Sligo, ...	2	9	6 0	20	295	14 6	305 1 0
Total, ...	8	26	5 1	95	1,374	19 7	1,408 4 8
Gross Total, ...	179	1,701	18 1	1,041	14,827	5 0	16,589 8 1*

* In addition to this amount the sum of £1,661 9s. 5d. collected as school fees in Model schools was paid to Model school teachers before the close of the financial year.

RETURN showing for each County, County Borough, Rural District, Schools in Operation, the Accommodation, Average Number of the Year 1908.

PROVINCE OF

County and District,	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation as at divided according to the religious denominations				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	B.C.	Pres.	Method.	Other Denomi- nations.
City or County Borough of Belfast (Counties of Antrim and Down) :-							
Co. Antrim, . . .	349,180	87,645	{ 52	51	94	18	7
Co. Down, . . .			{ 10	14	40	3	2
Total, . . .	349,180	87,645	62	65	134	21	9
CO. ANTRIM.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Ballyclare, . . .	2,060	556	1	—	2	—	—
Ballymena, . . .	10,880	2,642	5	4	4	—	—
Ballymoney, . . .	2,952	768	3	1	—	—	—
Carriageworks, . . .	4,208	1,146	2	3	2	—	—
Larne, . . .	6,670	1,738	2	1	6	—	—
Lisburn, . . .	11,461	2,703	2	3	4	2	—
Portrush, . . .	1,941	436	1	1	1	—	—
Antrim, . . .	1,826	463	2	1	2	1	—
Total, . . .	42,010	10,542	18	14	21	3	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Antrim, (excluding the town of Antrim),	25,580	6,286	11	10	44	1	2
Ballycastle, . . .	12,680	2,995	19	13	6	—	—
Ballymena, . . .	42,196	10,895	17	10	73	—	2
Ballymoney, . . .	23,383	5,827	12	14	38	—	—
Belfast, . . .	11,041	3,199	3	3	12	—	—
Larne, . . .	22,151	5,715	10	10	40	2	—
Lisburn, . . .	13,790	3,475	5	15	5	1	2
Lurgan (3) or Aghalee, . . .	3,244	844	6	5	—	1	—
Total, . . .	154,080	39,146	83	80	218	5	6
Total for County,	196,090	40,688	101	94	239	9	6
CO. ARMAGH.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Armagh, . . .	7,588	1,834	4	6	12	1	—
Lurgan, . . .	11,782	3,191	3	5	22	1	—
Portadown, . . .	10,002	2,670	5	4	22	—	—
Tandragee, . . .	1,427	343	2	2	1	—	—
Bessbrook, . . .	2,077	772	—	—	—	—	—
Keady, . . .	1,406	374	2	1	1	—	—
Total, . . .	35,332	9,184	16	18	9	4	—

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for

ULSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
—	226	41,855	46,543	34,030	73.1	City or County Borough of Belfast (Counties of Antrim and Down) :— Co. Antrim. Co. Down.
	69	12,333	16,976	12,907	76.6	
4	295	54,188	63,519	47,027	74.0	Total.
CO. ANTRIM.						
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.						
—	3	316	431	318	73.8	Ballyclare.
—	17	1,910	2,017	1,547	76.7	Ballymena.
3	7	705	791	521	74.3	Ballymoney.
—	7	814	828	547	78.1	Carrickfergus.
—	9	1,206	1,398	1,006	76.3	Larne.
1	12	2,088	1,890	1,435	75.9	Lisburn.
—	3	651	384	287	74.7	Portrush.
—	6	579	519	390	75.1	Antrim.
8	64	8,368	8,168	6,211	70.0	Total.
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
1	69	4,738	4,483	3,205	73.6	Antrim (excluding the town of Antrim).
—	38	2,420	2,047	1,401	68.4	Ballycastle.
—	102	7,116	6,937	5,177	74.6	Ballymoney.
1	65	4,105	3,838	2,680	70.1	Ballymonoy.
—	18	1,939	2,033	1,513	74.4	Belfast.
4	66	4,627	4,041	2,957	73.2	Larne.
—	28	2,676	2,234	1,621	72.6	Lisburn.
—	12	662	630	425	67.5	Lurgan (3) or Aghalee.
6	398	28,183	26,243	19,070	72.7	Total.
14	462	36,551	34,411	25,200	73.5	Total for County.
CO. ARMAGH.						
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.						
—	13	1,538	1,247	977	76.3	Armagh.
—	16	2,903	2,480	1,807	72.6	Lurgan.
—	13	2,192	2,300	1,670	72.3	Portadown.
—	5	423	350	253	70.5	Tandragee.
—	3	301	334	242	72.5	Bessbrook.
—	4	710	454	360	70.3	Keady.
4	54	8,076	7,192	5,800	73.8	Total.

RETURN showing for each County, County Borough, Rural District, Schools in Operation, the Accommodation, Average Number of the Year 1908—continued.

PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denominations				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	H.O.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Deno- minations.
CO. ARMAGH—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Armagh, (excluding the town of Keady).	37,802	8,878	26	36	24	6	1
Crossmaglen, . . .	10,297	2,501	16	2	4	—	—
Lurgan, . . .	17,578	4,653	12	17	4	5	—
Newry No. 2, (excluding the town of Bessbrook).	19,562	4,808	30	13	4	—	1
Tanderagee, . . .	4,821	1,174	2	3	3	—	1
Total, . . .	90,000	22,164	86	71	39	11	3
Total for County,	125,392	31,348	102	89	48	15	6
CO. CAVAN.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Belturbet,	1,887	344	2	1	—	—	—
Cavan,	2,822	730	2	2	—	—	—
Cootehill,	1,509	345	2	1	1	—	—
Total,	5,918	1,428	6	4	1	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballybofey,	16,510	3,714	30	8	3	—	—
Bawnboy,	9,573	2,436	21	7	—	—	—
Cavan,	32,584	7,730	69	25	1	—	1
Cootehill No. 1, . . .	13,925	3,260	24	8*	3*	—	—
Enniskillen No. 2, . . .	5,524	1,558	16	1	—	—	—
Mullaghmore,	4,899	1,215	11	1	—	—	—
Oldeastle No. 2, . . .	9,608	2,351	19	3	—	—	—
Total,	91,623	22,266	189	53*	7*	1	—
Total for County,	97,541	23,004	195	57*	8*	1	—
CO. DONEGAL.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Ballyshannon,	2,359	522	4	1	1	—	—
Letterkenny,	2,370	544	3	1	1	—	—
Total,	4,729	1,066	7	2	2	—	—

* One case of joint management—E.C. and Pres.

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for

ULSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 19 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. ARMAGH—cont.
	93	6,696	5,890	4,174	70·4	RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	22	1,581	1,734	1,157	60·7	Armagh (excluding the town of Keady).
—	38	3,192	2,591	1,795	69·3	Crossmaglen.
1	40	3,780	3,594	2,491	69·3	Lurgan.
—	9	541	622	428	68·8	Newry No. 2 (excluding the town of Bessbrook).
1	211	15,790	14,140	10,045	60·6	Tandragee.
5	265	23,875	21,032	15,354	71·0	Total.
						Total for County.
						CO. CAVAN.
						URBAN DISTRICTS.
—	3	300	364	261	71·7	Belturbet.
—	4	784	575	376	65·4	Cavan.
1	5	370	360	258	71·7	Cootehill.
1	12	1,454	1,299	895	68·9	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
2	43	3,023	2,758	1,761	63·0	Ballybofey.
1	20	1,644	1,567	1,006	64·2	Bawnboy.
1	97	5,585	4,640	2,968	63·8	Cavan.
—	34	2,007	1,802	1,163	61·5	Cootehill No. 1.
—	16	856	907	550	60·0	Enniskillen No. 2.
—	12	856	859	522	60·8	Mullaghoran.
—	22	1,576	1,471	966	65·7	Oldeastle No. 2.
4	253	15,547	14,100	8,934	63·4	Total.
5	265	17,001	15,399	9,829	63·8	Total for County.
						CO. DONEGAL.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	7	675	437	303	69·3	Ballyshannon.
1	6	684	574	426	74·2	Letterkenny.
2	13	1,359	1,011	729	72·1	Total.

RETURN showing for each County, County Borough, Rural District, Schools in Operation, the Accommodation, Average Number of the Year 1908—continued.

PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on the divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nation
CO. DONEGAL—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballyshannon (excluding the town of Ballyshannon)	6,826	1,635	13	4	—	1	—
Donagal,	20,480	4,780	33	21*	5*	3	—
Dunfanaghy,	15,781	4,477	20	4	—	—	—
Glensties,	33,191	8,200	79	10	—	2	—
Inishowen,	28,943	7,268	42	13†	3†	2	—
Letterkenny,	10,710	2,440	14	5	9	—	—
Londonderry No. 2,	8,633	2,228	5	7	8	—	—
Milford,	20,230	5,363	29‡	11‡	19	—	—
Strabane No. 2,	10,463	2,574	12	4	9	1	—
Stranorlar,	13,707	3,970	24	7	4	—	—
Total,	168,993	42,034	280	86	48	9	—
Total for County,	173,722	43,100	287	88	59	9	—
CO. DOWN.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Banbridge,	5,906	1,218	2	4	2	—	1
Bangor,	5,903	1,484	2	2	4	1	—
Dromore,	2,307	671	2	1	—	—	2
Holywood,	3,840	960	1	2	3	—	—
Newry,	12,405	3,033	2	3	1	—	—
Newtownards,	9,110	2,436	2	4	5	—	—
Warrenpoint,	1,817	432	2	1	—	—	—
Comber,	2,065	546	1	1	2	—	1
Donaghadee,	2,073	498	—	2	3	1	—
Downpatrick,	2,093	800	2	2	1	—	—
Gilford,	1,190	318	1	—	4	—	—
Newcastle,	8	8	2	1	1	—	—
Total,	48,748	12,305	19	23	26	3	4
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Banbridge (excluding the town of Gilford),	27,034	6,596	14	12	27	—	5
Castlecraig,	4,205	921	—	1	7	—	—
Downpatrick (excluding the town of Downpatrick),	35,876	8,421	35	22§	28§	—	1
Hillsborough,	21,203	5,110	2	16	27	3	2
Killyleagh,	19,131||	4,819||	23	8	9	—	—
Moira,	11,022	2,771	2	10	10	—	—
Newry (1),	15,271	3,628	17	4	12	—	—
Newtownards,	22,730	5,783	1	13	32	1	6
Total,	157,141	38,940	94	86	152	4	13
Total for County,	295,880	50,354	113	100	178	7	17

* Five schools under joint E.C. and Pres. management.

† One school under joint E.C. and Pres. management.

‡ One school under joint R.C. and E.C. management.

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Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for

ULSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under Official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. DONEGAL—cont.
	18	1,128	921	576	62.5	RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	58	3,485	3,140	1,905	62.0	Ballyshannon (excluding the town of Ballyshannon)
—	33	2,010	2,392	1,477	61.7	Donegal.
—	92	4,096	5,484	3,583	65.3	Dunfanaghy.
—	60	4,387	4,311	2,775	64.4	Glenties.
—	28	1,428	1,231	748	60.8	Inishowen.
—	20	1,310	1,188	828	69.7	Letterkenny.
—	50	2,037	3,158	1,907	60.4	Londonderry No. 2.
—	26	1,048	1,643	1,103	67.1	Milford.
—	30	2,067	1,068	1,250	64.0	Strabane No. 2.
	5	421	25,405	25,436	63.8	Stranorlar.
	7	434	20,764	20,447	64.1	Total.
						Total for County.
						CO. DOWN.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	10	1,315	1,050	840	70.3	Banbridge.
—	9	1,260	1,305	1,014	77.7	Bangor.
—	5	398	534	384	71.0	Dromore.
—	6	926	833	668	80.2	Holywood.
—	10	2,066	1,811	1,246	68.6	Newry.
—	14	1,848	1,960	1,443	73.3	Newtownards.
—	3	308	316	229	72.4	Warrenpoint.
—	5	794	660	481	72.9	Comber.
—	0	583	526	415	78.9	Donaghadee.
—	5	1,107	757	559	73.8	Downpatrick.
—	5	452	515	388	75.3	Gilford.
—	4	353	345	245	71.0	Newcastle.
	7	82	11,502	10,630	74.4	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	58	4,321	3,653	2,522	69.0	Banbridge (excluding the town of Gilford).
—	8	582	522	382	73.2	Castlereagh.
—	85	7,004	5,843	4,140	71.0	Downpatrick (excluding the town of Downpatrick).
—	50	3,017	3,207	2,308	72.0	Hillsborough.
—	41	3,253	2,987	2,090	70.0	Kilkeel.
—	22	1,819	1,787	1,323	74.0	Moira.
—	33	2,097	2,183	1,407	64.5	Newry (1).
—	52	4,522	3,601	2,866	78.3	Newtownards.
—	340	27,515	23,843	17,044	71.5	Total.
—	431	30,017	34,473	24,956	72.4	Total for County.

§ Included in Kilkeel Rural District.

|| Including the town of Newcastle.

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PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	N.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nation.
CO. FERMANAGH.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Enniskillen, . . .	5,412	1,139	3	1	—	1	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Belleek, . . .	6,187	1,505	11	7	—	—	—
Clones No. 2, . . .	7,820	1,702	13	7	1	—	—
Enniskillen, . . .	20,204	4,610	28	26	2	2	—
Irvinestown, . . .	9,760	2,228	10	15	1	2	—
Lismaskee, . . .	16,047	3,709	20	18	3	1	—
Total, . . .	69,018	13,763	82	73	7	5	—
Total for County,	85,430	14,902	85	74	7	6	—
CITY OR COUNTY BOROUGH OF LONDONDERRY.	39,892	9,610	12	5	11	—	—
CO. LONDONDERRY.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Coleraine, . . .	6,958	1,736	3	4	—	—	—
Limavady, . . .	2,692	658	3	2	2	—	—
Total, . . .	9,650	2,394	6	6	2	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Coleraine, . . .	22,059	5,529	7	15	35	—	—
Limavady, . . .	17,031	4,379	17	14	11	—	—
Londonderry (1), . . .	14,980	3,446	16	9	12	—	—
Magherafelt, . . .	38,992	9,169	47	31	22	1	1
Total, . . .	94,902	22,523	87	60	80	1	1
Total for County,	104,512	24,917	93	75	82	1	1
CO. MONAGHAN.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Carrickmacross, . . .	1,874	444	2	1	—	—	—
Castleblayney, . . .	1,576	307	3	—	1	—	—
Clones, . . .	2,068	472	3	1	—	—	1
Monaghan, . . .	2,932	725	2	1	—	—	—
Ballybay, . . .	1,208	257	2	—	1	—	—
Total, . . .	9,658	2,245	12	3	2	1	—

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. FERMANAGH. URBAN DISTRICT.
3	8	1,732	964	657	68-2	Enniskillen.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	18	895	913	558	61-1	Belleek.
—	21	1,080	1,102	709	64-3	Clones No. 2.
1	59	3,345	2,803	1,863	66-5	Enniskillen.
—	28	1,849	1,481	1,034	69-8	Irvineshtown.
1	43	2,561	2,415	1,041	68-0	Lisnaskea.
2	169	9,730	8,714	5,805	66-6	Total.
5	177	11,462	9,678	6,402	66-8	Total for County.
4	32	6,456	6,599	5,125	77-7	CITY OR COUNTY BOROUGH OF LONDONDERRY.
						CO. LONDONDERRY.
3	10	1,418	1,400	1,106	75-7	Coleraine.
1	8	784	612	452	73-9	Limavady.
4	18	2,202	2,072	1,557	75-1	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	58	4,017	3,523	2,484	70-5	Coleraine.
—	42	2,800	2,375	1,549	65-2	Limavady.
—	37	2,527	2,058	1,340	65-1	Londonderry (1).
1	103	6,750	6,089	4,001	65-7	Magherafelt.
2	240	16,160	14,045	9,374	66-7	Total.
6	258	18,382	16,117	10,931	67-8	Total for County.
						CO. MONAGHAN.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	4	645	513	406	79-1	Carrickmacross.
1	5	467	464	337	72-6	Castleblayney.
1	6	799	563	414	73-5	Clones.
4	7	995	727	507	78-0	Monaghan.
—	3	297	277	203	72-9	Ballybay.
7	25	3,203	2,544	1,926	75-7	Total.

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County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nation.
CO. MONAGHAN—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Carrickmacross, . . .	13,070	3,227	10	5	—	—	—
Castleblayney (excluding the town of Ballybay), . . .	13,534	3,078	23	1	10	—	—
Clones (1), . . .	5,960	1,314	9	6	1	—	—
Cooteshill (2), . . .	6,426	1,460	7	8	4	—	—
Monaghan, . . .	25,309	5,591	38	14*	13*	—	—
Total, . . .	64,953	14,679	96	34	26	—	—
Total for County,	74,611	16,044	108	37	30	1	—
CO. TYRONE.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Cookstown, . . .	2,531	886	3	4	1	—	—
Dungannon, . . .	3,694	905	2	2	3	—	—
Omagh, . . .	4,789	1,035	1	—	—	—	—
Strabane, . . .	5,033	1,289	3	1	2	—	—
Aughnacloy, . . .	974	221	2	1	1	—	—
Total, . . .	18,021	4,236	11	8	7	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Castlederg, . . .	11,780	2,686	10†‡	10†	8†	—	—
Clogher (excluding the town of Aughnacloy), . . .	13,342	3,046	16	13	5	—	—
Cookstown, . . .	20,084	4,576	19	14	13	1	—
Dungannon, . . .	28,669	6,603	25	20§	10§	—	2
Omagh, . . .	33,704	7,294	53‡	18§	22‡	—	—
Strabane (1), . . .	20,263	4,839	20	9	14	—	—
Trillick, . . .	4,335	1,012	8	4	—	2	—
Total, . . .	132,546	30,656	151	103	70	5	2
Total for County,	150,567	34,292	162	111	77	5	2

* Two schools under joint E.C. and Pres. management.

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. MONAGHAN—con.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	24	1,017	1,974	1,281	64.9	Carrykmacross.
—	34	2,050	2,241	1,400	62.5	Castleblayney (excluding the town of Ballybay).
—	16	975	922	590	64.0	Clones (1).
—	19	967	874	556	63.6	Cootshill (2).
—	68	3,585	3,470	2,250	64.8	Monaghan
—	156	9,200	9,481	6,077	64.1	Total.
7	181	12,403	12,026	8,003	66.6	Total for County.
						CO. TYRONE.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	8	985	842	642	76.2	Cookstown.
—	7	1,190	951	721	75.8	Dungannon.
3	4	667	620	458	72.8	Omagh.
—	0	1,318	1,106	825	74.6	Strabane.
—	4	311	234	180	76.9	Aughnacloy.
3	29	4,471	3,762	2,826	75.1	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	31	1,823	1,543	1,006	65.2	Castlederg.
—	34	1,877	1,712	1,136	66.4	Clogher (excluding the town of Aughnacloy).
—	47	2,748	2,713	1,847	68.1	Cookstown.
—	65	4,288	4,262	2,971	69.7	Dungannon.
—	93	5,392	4,487	2,903	64.7	Omagh.
3	46	3,050	2,903	1,947	67.1	Strabane (1).
—	14	820	665	444	66.8	Trillick.
4	330	20,004	18,285	12,254	67.0	Total.
7	359	24,475	22,047	15,080	68.4	Total for County.

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County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. CLARE.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Ennis,	5,003	1,249	2	1	—	—	—
Kilrush,	4,179	1,127	2	1	—	—	—
Town of Kilkee,	*	*	2	1	—	—	—
Total,	9,272	2,376	6	3	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballyvaughan,	3,920	600	10	—	—	—	—
Corofin,	4,803	1,183	9	3	—	—	—
Ennis,	14,070	3,692	31	1	—	—	—
Ennistymon,	18,000	4,846	40	2	—	—	—
Killadyeaset,	9,185	2,408	21	2	—	—	—
Kilrush (excluding the town of Kilkee),	24,555†	6,846†	49	3	—	—	—
Limerick No. 2,	7,692	1,776	21	—	—	—	—
Scarrif,	10,445	2,813	22	3	—	—	—
Tulla,	9,834	2,362	25	—	—	—	—
Total,	103,062	26,016	228	15	—	—	—
Total for County,	112,334	26,292	234	18	—	—	—
CITY OR COUNTY BOROUGH OF CORK.	76,122	18,129	24	9	2	—	1
CO. CORK.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Clonakilty,	3,098	806	3	1	—	—	1
Fermoy,	6,128	1,192	2	1	—	—	—
Kinsale,	4,250	1,082	2	1	—	—	—
Midleton,	3,361	741	1	1	—	—	—
Queenstown,	7,909	1,828	4	3	—	—	—
Skibbereen,	3,208	777	3	1	—	—	—
Youghal,	5,393	1,122	1	1	—	—	—
Bandon,	2,830	620	3	2	—	—	1
Bantry,	3,100	702	3	1	—	—	—
Charleville,	2,000	530	3	—	—	—	—
Macroom,	3,016	718	3	1	—	—	—
Mallow,	4,542	1,115	2	1	—	—	—
Mitchelstown,	2,146	480	1	1	—	—	—
Passage West,	2,027	453	2	1	—	—	—
Total,	63,015	12,256	33	10	—	—	2

* Included in the Kilrush Rural District.

† Includes the Town of Kilkee.

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. CLARE.
						URBAN DISTRICTS.
1	4	1,022	920	635	68.6	Eanis.
1	4	1,150	760	571	75.1	Kilrush.
—	3	535	408	281	69.2	Town of Kilkee.
—	2	11	2,716	2,092	71.1	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	11	786	671	444	66.2	Ballyvaughan.
1	13	875	716	496	69.3	Corofin.
—	32	2,061	2,296	1,538	67.0	Eanis.
1	44	2,844	3,119	2,051	65.8	Eanistymon.
1	24	1,710	1,834	1,303	71.0	Killadyser.
—	52	3,660	4,104	2,757	66.2	Kilrush (excluding the town of Kilkee).
—	21	1,245	1,188	854	71.9	Limerick No. 2.
1	26	1,961	2,000	1,332	66.6	Scarrif.
1	26	1,921	1,682	1,133	67.4	Tulla.
6	240	17,013	17,670	11,908	67.4	Total.
8	260	19,729	19,762	13,305	67.8	Total for County.
						CITY OR COUNTY BOROUGH OF CORK.
						CO. CORK.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	6	1,271	708	590	74.9	Clonakilty.
—	3	851	615	426	69.3	Fermoy.
1	4	1,210	812	568	70.0	Kinsale.
1	3	768	575	435	75.7	Midleton.
—	7	1,393	1,493	1,167	78.2	Queenstown.
1	5	1,207	674	481	71.4	Skibbereen.
1	3	1,143	668	501	75.0	Youghal.
1	7	1,559	942	684	72.6	Bandon.
—	5	972	633	504	73.8	Bantry.
—	3	631	432	227	76.7	Charleville.
—	4	613	592	438	74.0	Macroom.
1	3	851	816	581	71.2	Mallow.
—	3	485	399	261	65.4	Mitchelstown.
—	3	804	520	421	81.0	Passage West.
8	59	13,818	9,929	7,324	73.8	Total.

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CO. CORK—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Bandon (excluding the town of Bandon).	15,048	3,841	29	4	—	—	—
Bantry (excluding the town of Bantry).	10,348	3,103	23	2	—	—	—
Castletown, . . .	11,178	3,203	33	—	—	—	—
Charleville, . . .	2,121	559	4	—	—	—	—
Clonakilty, . . .	16,060	4,130	27	5	—	—	—
Cork, . . .	47,115	10,519	73	0	—	—	—
Dunmanway,	13,321	3,665	30	2	—	—	—
Fermoy,	16,806	3,746	33	—	—	—	—
Kanturk,	23,181	5,860	51	3	—	—	—
Kinsale,	12,423	2,909	22	3	—	—	—
Macroom, . . .	19,982	5,208	40	—	—	—	—
Mallow, . . .	16,184	3,787	31*	2*	—	—	—
Midleton, . . .	17,682	4,180	36	3	—	—	—
Millstreet, . . .	10,515	2,760	22	—	—	—	—
Mitchelstown,	6,510	1,560	15	—	—	—	—
Skibbereen, . . .	21,987	6,280	51	7	—	—	—
Skull, . . .	10,243	2,035	22	9	—	1	—
Youghal, . . .	4,770	1,104	10	—	—	—	—
Total, . . .	275,474	60,179	561	60	—	1	—
Total for County,	328,489	81,435	594	66	—	3	—
CO. KERRY.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Killarney, . . .	5,650	1,231	5	1	—	—	—
Listowel, . . .	3,905	936	3	1	—	—	—
Tralee, . . .	9,807	2,537	8	2	—	1	—
Caherciveen, . . .	2,013	467	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	21,141	5,171	16	5	—	1	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Caherciveen, . . .	20,422	5,905	52	5	—	—	—
Dingle, . . .	18,274	5,649	26	—	—	—	—
Kenmare, . . .	14,642	4,424	29	9	—	—	—
Killarney, . . .	31,440	8,975	70	1	—	—	—
Listowel (L), . . .	27,789	7,363	65	1	—	—	—
Tralee, . . .	32,018	8,478	73	4	—	—	—
Total, . . .	144,585	40,794	315	20	—	—	—
Total for County,	165,726	46,986	331	25	—	1	—

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
						CO. CORK—con.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	33	2,615	1,775	1,246	70·2	Bandon (excluding the town of Bandon).
—	25	1,405	1,309	1,257	60·5	Bantry (excluding the town of Bantry).
1	34	2,347	2,278	1,676	73·6	Castletown.
—	4	244	306	229	71·9	Charleville.
—	32	3,098	2,504	1,784	71·3	Clonakilty.
1	83	6,317	5,778	4,203	72·7	Cork.
2	34	2,851	2,417	1,003	68·8	Dunnanway.
1	34	2,528	2,386	1,730	72·5	Formoy.
1	55	4,399	4,109	2,760	67·4	Kanturk.
—	25	1,863	1,581	1,101	69·0	Kinsale.
1	50	3,544	3,820	2,561	67·0	Macroom.
1	34	3,069	2,648	1,885	71·2	Mallow.
—	30	2,811	2,278	1,631	71·0	Midleton.
1	23	2,090	2,079	1,416	68·1	Millstreet.
—	15	965	753	480	63·7	Mitchelstown.
—	58	3,941	3,042	2,827	71·7	Skibbereen.
1	33	2,041	1,764	1,279	72·5	Skull.
—	10	702	560	421	74·0	Youghal.
19	921	40,204	42,790	30,149	70·4	Total.
18	980	90,112	52,725	37,473	71·1	Total for County.
						CO. KERRY.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	7	1,470	1,207	911	75·5	Killarney.
—	4	1,125	775	540	70·3	Listowel.
—	9	2,318	1,908	1,305	65·3	Tralee.
—	3	953	391	231	77·8	Caherciveen.
1	23	5,569	4,341	3,040	70·2	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	58	3,737	4,116	2,943	71·5	Caherciveen.
—	27	3,084	3,748	2,772	74·0	Dingle.
1	39	3,264	2,765	1,884	68·1	Kennmare.
—	71	5,581	5,838	4,216	72·2	Killarney.
—	66	4,642	5,045	3,300	65·4	Listowel (1).
1	73	5,352	5,794	3,914	67·9	Tralee.
4	330	25,060	27,300	19,028	69·7	Total.
5	362	31,226	31,647	22,074	69·8	Total for County.

RETURN showing for each County, County Borough, Rural District, Schools in Operation, the Accommodation, Average Number of the Year 1908—continued.

PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on the divided according to the religious denominations				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	I.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
City or County Borough of Limerick	38,151	9,681	15	1	1	—	—
CO. LIMERICK.							
PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Newcastle,	2,590	595	3	—	—	—	—
Rathkeale,	1,749	426	3	1	—	—	—
Total,	4,348	1,020	6	1	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Croom,	10,806	2,300	24	1	—	—	—
Glin,	4,301	1,288	8	—	—	—	—
Kilmallock No. 1, . . .	21,430	4,908	41	4	—	—	—
Limerick No. 1, . . .	20,271	4,794	33	4	—	—	—
Mitchelsstown No. 2, . . .	5,501	1,436	14	—	—	—	—
Newcastle (excluding the town of Newcastle).	21,292	5,318	49	—	—	—	—
Rathkeale (excluding the town of Rathkeale).	13,342	3,228	33	5	—	—	—
Tipperary No. 2, . . .	6,756	1,586	13	—	—	—	—
Total,	103,590	24,856	215	14	—	—	—
Total for County,	107,947	25,876	221	15	—	—	—
CO. TIPPERARY. (North Riding).							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Nenagh,	4,704	1,238	2	1	—	—	—
Templemore,	2,774	562	3	1	—	—	—
Thurles,	4,411	1,046	1	1	—	—	—
Roscrea,	2,325	597	2	2	—	—	—
Total,	14,214	3,443	8	5	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Birr No. 2,	2,061	488	6	—	—	—	—
Borrisokane,	8,532	1,887	15	5	—	1	—
Nenagh,	20,228	4,824	47	6	—	—	—
Roscrea No. 1,	5,602	1,274	12	3	—	—	—
Thurles,	17,098	4,082	38	1	—	—	—
Total,	59,601	12,635	118	15	—	1	—

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for MUNSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Manag- ement.	Total.					
4	21	5,862	5,120	3,677	71·8	City or County Borough of Limerick. CO. LIMERICK.
—	3	619	666	510	76·6	PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	4	836	475	334	70·3	Newcastle. Rathkeale.
—	7	1,455	1,141	844	74·0	Total.
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
—	25	2,263	1,499	1,075	71·7	Croon.
—	8	576	705	485	68·8	Glin.
1	46	4,309	3,834	2,910	75·9	Kilmallock No. 1.
—	37	2,713	2,527	1,787	70·7	Limerick No. 1.
—	14	1,000	1,071	759	70·9	Mitchelstown No. 2.
—	40	3,270	4,020	2,821	70·2	Newcastle (excluding the town of Newcastle).
—	38	2,224	2,172	1,504	69·2	Rathkeale (excluding the town of Rathkeale).
—	13	1,138	1,137	795	69·9	Tipperary No. 2.
1	230	17,403	10,965	12,136	71·5	Total.
1	237	18,948	18,106	12,980	71·7	Total for County.
CO. TIPPERARY. (North Riding).						
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.						
1	4	1,082	834	616	73·9	Nenagh.
—	4	606	502	380	75·7	Templemore.
1	3	694	521	391	75·0	Thurles.
1	5	967	584	454	77·7	Roscrea.
3	16	3,349	2,441	1,841	75·4	Total.
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
—	6	333	301	213	70·8	Birr No. 2.
—	21	1,340	1,181	820	69·4	Borrisokane.
—	53	3,204	3,134	2,138	68·2	Nenagh.
—	15	763	704	478	67·9	Roscrea No. 1.
—	39	2,619	2,643	1,871	70·8	Thurles.
—	134	8,259	7,963	5,520	69·3	Total.

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PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 8 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Dissent- ers.
CO. TIPPERARY. (South Riding).							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Carrick-on-Suir, . . .	5,406	1,377	2	1	—	—	—
Cushel, . . .	2,038	706	2	1	—	—	—
Clonmel, . . .	10,107	2,230	2	1	—	—	—
Tipperary, . . .	6,281	1,432	4	—	—	—	—
Cahir, . . .	2,058	565	1	3	—	—	—
Fethard, . . .	1,498	333	2	—	—	—	—
Total, . . .	28,348	6,652	13	6	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Carrick-on-Suir No. 1, .	2,678	561	5	—	—	—	—
Cashel (excluding the town of Fethard), .	15,746	3,534	34	2	—	—	—
Clogheen, . . .	13,463	3,132	18*	9*	—	—	—
Clonmel, . . .	4,870	1,201	12	1	—	—	—
Gortinaboe, . . .	2,706	620	5	1	—	—	—
Sillevandagh, . . .	5,642	1,370	15	—	—	—	—
Tipperary No. 1, . . .	18,805	4,472	44	2	—	—	—
Total, . . .	64,069	14,908	133	15	—	—	—
Total for County,	180,232	37,538	272	41	—	—	1 —
City or County Borough of Waterford.	26,769	6,677	8	1	—	—	—
CO. WATERFORD.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Dungarvan, . . .	4,850	1,156	5	1	—	—	—
Lismore, . . .	1,583	345	1	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	6,433	1,501	6	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Carrick-on-Suir No. 2, .	5,213	1,229	9	1	—	—	1
Clonmel No. 2, . . .	3,680	873	6	—	—	—	—
Dungarvan, . . .	10,116	2,439	21	3	—	—	—
Kilmacthomas, . . .	7,100	1,575	16	—	—	—	—
Lismore (excluding the town of Lismore), .	11,690	2,800	21	6	—	—	—
Waterford No. 1, . . .	11,450	2,069	19	8	—	—	—
Youghal No. 2, . . .	4,718	1,042	11	—	—	—	—
Total, . . .	53,985	12,087	163	18	—	—	1
Total for County,	60,418	14,188	109	15	—	—	1

* Two schools under joint R.C. and E.C. management.

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for

MUNSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Management.	Total.					
						CO. TIPPERARY (South Riding).
1	4	1,106	810	638	78.8	URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	4	875	520	406	76.7	Carrick-on-Suir.
2	5	1,409	1,028	745	72.5	Cashel.
1	5	1,279	860	604	70.2	Clonmel.
—	4	742	610	432	70.8	Tipperary.
—	2	542	440	347	78.9	Callan.
5	24	5,953	4,277	3,172	74.2	Fethard.
—	5	334	352	239	67.0	Total.
—	30	2,467	2,302	1,515	68.8	RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	26	2,311	2,030	1,447	71.3	Carrick-on-Suir No. 1.
—	13	803	823	584	71.0	Cashel (excluding the town of Fethard).
—	6	348	321	213	66.4	Clogheen.
—	15	997	1,087	785	72.2	Clonmel.
—	46	3,324	3,037	2,155	71.0	Gortnahoe.
1	147	10,574	9,852	6,938	70.4	Siloeardagh.
9	321	28,135	24,533	17,471	71.2	Tipperary No. 1.
3	12	4,286	3,510	2,481	70.5	Total.
						Total for County.
						City or County Borough of Waterford
						CO. WATERFORD.
1	7	1,343	798	582	72.9	URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	3	481	277	215	77.6	Dungarvan.
2	10	1,804	1,075	797	74.1	Lismore.
—	11	1,067	837	603	72.0	Total.
—	6	316	330	229	66.4	RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	24	1,411	1,508	1,053	69.8	Carrick-on-Suir No. 2.
1	17	1,475	1,075	720	67.0	Clonmel No. 2.
—	27	2,044	1,682	1,234	73.4	Dungarvan.
—	22	1,810	1,380	962	69.0	Kilmacthomas.
—	11	667	653	481	73.7	Lismore (excluding the town of Lismore).
1	118	8,790	7,485	5,272	70.6	Waterford No. 1.
3	128	10,594	8,540	6,069	71.1	Youghal No. 2.
						Total.
						Total for County.

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PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on the divided according to the religious Denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Fres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. CARLOW.							
URBAN DISTRICT AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Carlow, . . .	6,513	1,523	4	1	—	—	—
Bagenalstown, . . .	1,882	538	2	1	—	—	—
Tullow, . . .	*	*	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	8,395	2,060	8	3	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Baltinglass No. 2, . . .	4,486	1,059	10	2	—	—	—
Carlow(excluding the towns of Bagenalstown and Tullow).	21,331†	4,874†	37	12	—	—	—
Idrane, . . .	3,536	746	8	—	—	—	—
Total, . . .	29,353	8,679	55	14	—	—	—
Total for County,	37,748	8,739	63	17	—	—	—
City or County Borough of Dublin.	290,638	65,793	87	48	9	4	2
CO. DUBLIN.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Blackrock, . . .	8,719	1,864	4	2	—	—	—
Dalkey, . . .	3,398	683	2	1	—	—	—
Killiney and Ballybrack, . . .	2,744	517	3	1	—	—	—
Kingstown, . . .	17,377	3,886	3	7	—	—	—
Pembroke, . . .	25,790	5,307	5	10	—	—	—
Rathmines and Rathgar, . . .	32,602	5,673	9	8	—	2	—
Balbriggan, . . .	2,238	599	3	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	92,875	18,529	29	30	—	2	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Balrothery (excluding the town of Balbriggan).	15,910	3,779	37	3	—	—	—
Celbridge No. 2, . . .	5,133	1,223	9	1	—	—	—
Dublin North, . . .	16,957	5,395	19‡	5‡	—	—	—
Dublin South, . . .	13,670	3,407	17	3	—	—	—
Rathdown (1), . . .	12,808	2,882	11	4	—	—	—
Total, . . .	64,478	16,686	93	16	—	—	—
Total for County,	157,353	35,215	122	46	—	2	—

* Included in the Rural District of Carlow.

† Including the town of Tullow.

‡ One case of joint management—R.C. and E.C.

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LEINSTER.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Manage- ment	Total.					
						CO. CARLOW.
						URBAN DISTRICT AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	6	1,145	1,002	862	86·0	Carlow.
—	3	751	644	554	86·0	Bagenalstown.
—	3	666	457	346	75·7	Tullow.
1	12	2,682	2,103	1,762	83·8	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	12	831	730	504	60·0	Ballyglass No. 2.
—	49	3,308	2,668	1,990	77·5	Carlow (excluding the towns of Bagenalstown and Tullow).
—	8	673	440	310	70·5	Idrone.
—	60	4,712	3,738	2,804	75·0	Total.
1	81	7,274	5,841	4,566	78·2	Total for County.
11	161	39,247	37,804	28,384	75·1	CITY OR COUNTY BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.
						CO. DUBLIN.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	6	1,672	1,008	789	76·7	Blackrock.
—	3	481	360	287	79·7	Dalkey.
—	5	420	382	290	75·9	Killiney and Ballybrack.
—	10	2,105	1,790	1,402	78·3	Kingstown.
—	15	2,560	2,540	1,879	74·0	Pembroke.
—	19	3,267	3,630	2,507	73·6	Rathmines and Rathgar.
—	4	442	362	270	74·6	Balbriggan.
1	62	10,956	9,967	7,494	75·2	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	41	2,944	2,633	2,012	76·4	Balrothery (excluding the town of Balbriggan).
—	10	930	874	681	77·9	Calbridge No. 2.
—	23	2,062	1,808	1,386	76·7	Dublin North.
—	20	2,090	1,871	1,361	72·7	Dublin South.
—	15	1,393	1,387	1,049	76·7	Rathdown (1).
—	109	9,419	8,553	6,489	75·9	Total.
2	171	20,375	18,520	13,983	76·5	Total for County.

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County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on list divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.O.	Pres.	Method.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. KILDARE.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.							
Athy.	3,599	879	1	—	—	—	—
Naas.	3,830	940	2	1	—	—	—
Newbridge.	2,903	680	3	1	—	—	—
Total.	10,332	2,508	6	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Athy (1).	12,593	3,114	16	6	—	—	—
Ballyinglass No. 3.	2,030	500	3	—	—	—	—
Celbridge No. 1.	9,002	2,155	11	3	—	—	—
Edenderry No. 2.	5,243	1,168	12	3	—	—	—
Naas No. 1 (excluding the town of Newbridge).	24,270	5,135	33	5	—	—	—
Total.	53,228	12,072	78	17	—	—	—
Total for County,	63,560	14,580	81	19	—	—	—
CO. KILKENNY.							
URBAN DISTRICT AND TOWN.							
Kilkenny.	10,609	2,513	9	—	—	—	—
Callan.	1,840	399	2	—	—	—	—
Total.	12,449	2,912	11	—	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Callan (excluding the town of Callan).	6,323	1,388	12	1	—	—	—
Carrick-on-Suir No. 3.	4,406	938	5	8	—	—	—
Castlcomer.	10,114	2,486	21	3	—	—	—
Ida.	3,716	795	9	—	—	—	—
Kilkenny.	13,099	3,064	32	1	—	—	—
Thomastown.	13,238	3,062	23	4	—	—	—
Urplingford No. 1.	5,891	1,314	15	2	—	—	—
Waterford No. 2.	9,863	2,130	20	—	—	—	—
Total.	66,710	15,177	137	19	—	—	—
Total for County,	79,159	18,089	148	19	—	—	—

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for LEINSTER.

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
—	2	3	1,141	538	355	66.0
—	—	3	542	428	324	75.7
—	—	4	518	580	449	77.4
—	2	10	2,201	1,546	1,128	73.0
CO. KILDARE.						
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.						
Athy.						
Nas.						
Newbridge.						
Total.						
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
Athy (1).						
Ballyglass No. 3.						
Celbridge No. 1.						
Edenderry No. 2.						
Nas No. 1 (excluding the town of Newbridge).						
Total.						
Total for County.						
CO. KILKENNY.						
URBAN DISTRICT AND TOWN.						
Kilkenny.						
Callan.						
Total.						
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
Callan (excluding the town of Callan).						
Carrick-on-Suir No. 3.						
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Kilkenny.						
Thomastown.						
Urilingford No. 1.						
Waterford No. 2.						
Total.						
Total for County.						

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PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denominations				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 16 years of age.	R.C.	R.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations
KING'S COUNTY.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND TOWNS.							
Birr,	4,438	1,163	2	—	—	—	—
Tullamore,	4,630	1,158	2	1	—	—	—
Edenderry,	*	*	2	1	—	—	—
Total,	9,077	2,321	6	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Birr (1),	18,843	4,000	43	5	—	—	—
Cloneygowan,	2,797	692	4	—	—	—	—
Edenderry No. 1 (excluding the town of Edenderry).	7,322†	1,680†	12	—	—	—	—
Roscrea No. 2,	5,810	1,366	12	2	—	—	—
Tullamore,	10,338	3,052	26	5	—	—	—
Total,	51,110	12,306	97	12	—	—	—
Total for County,	60,187	14,626	103	14	—	—	—
CO. LONGFORD.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Granard,	1,622	463	2	1	—	—	—
Longford,	3,747	902	3	1	—	—	—
Total,	5,369	1,365	5	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballymahon,	9,478	2,155	15	3	1	—	—
Granard,	13,260	3,092	28	2	1	—	—
Longford,	18,565	4,591	43	4	1	—	—
Total,	41,203	9,838	86	9	3	—	—
Total for County,	46,672	11,203	91	11	3	—	—
CO. LOUTH.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Drogheda,	12,760	3,254	8	1	—	1	—
Dundalk,	13,076	3,402	7	2	2	—	—
Ardee,	1,883	386	2	—	—	—	—
Total,	27,719	7,042	17	3	2	1	—

* Included in the Edenderry No. 1 Rural District.

† Including the Town of Edenderry.

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LEINSTER.

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Under Official Manage- ment.	Total.						
						KING'S COUNTY.	
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND TOWNS.	
3	5	1,403	755	598	79.2	Birr.	
1	4	1,301	902	655	72.6	Tullamore.	
1	4	357	434	310	71.4	Edenderry.	
	5	13	3,063	2,091	1,503	74.7	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.	
—	48	2,931	2,019	1,864	71.2	Birr (1).	
—	4	798	546	381	69.6	Clooneygowan.	
—	12	601	588	390	66.3	Edenderry No. 1. (excluding the town of Edenderry).	
—	14	766	720	521	72.4	Roscrea No. 2.	
—	31	2,130	2,194	1,495	68.1	Tullamore.	
	—	109	7,226	6,607	4,651	69.6	Total.
	5	122	10,289	8,758	6,214	71.0	Total for County.
						CO. LONGFORD.	
						URBAN DISTRICTS.	
1	4	570	382	275	72.0	Granard.	
1	5	1,232	815	592	72.6	Longford.	
	2	0	1,802	1,197	807	72.4	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.	
1	20	1,377	1,350	976	72.0	Ballymahon.	
—	31	1,900	1,728	1,138	65.9	Granard.	
—	48	3,160	3,064	2,038	66.5	Longford.	
	1	99	6,643	6,148	4,152	67.5	Total.
	3	108	8,245	7,345	5,019	68.3	Total for County.
						CO. LOUTH.	
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.	
—	10	2,110	1,828	1,412	77.3	Drogheda.	
—	11	2,363	2,200	1,704	77.5	Dundalk.	
—	2	435	315	223	70.8	Ardee.	
	—	23	4,908	4,343	3,330	76.9	Total.

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County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	R.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nation.
CO. LOUTH—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ardee (1) (excluding the town of Ardee).	0,606	2,006	18	3	—	—	—
Drogheda (1), . . .	6,753	1,505	18	1	—	—	—
Dundalk, . . .	21,603	6,175	43	5	—	—	—
Total, . . .	38,101	8,775	79	9	—	—	—
Total for County,	65,820	15,817	96	12	2	1	—
CO. MEATH.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Kells,	2,428	642	1	1	—	—	—
Navan,	3,839	1,039	3	1	—	—	—
Trim,	1,513	497	1	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	7,780	2,178	5	3	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ardee No. 2, . . .	3,048	630	6	2	—	—	—
Drogheda No. 2, . .	6,883	1,650	15	—	—	—	—
Dunshaughlin, . . .	7,979	1,812	23	—	—	—	—
Edenderry No. 3, . .	2,088	402	5	—	—	—	—
Keels,	11,341	2,555	25	5	—	—	—
Navan,	10,711	2,426	22	3	—	—	—
Oldecastle,	6,407	1,132	11	1	—	—	—
Trim,	12,460	2,683	24	5	—	—	—
Total, . . .	69,717	13,250	131	16	—	—	—
Total for County,	67,497	15,437	136	10	—	—	—
QUEEN'S COUNTY.							
PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Maryborough, . . .	2,957	728	1	1	—	—	—
Mountmellick, . . .	2,407	550	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	5,364	1,287	3	2	—	—	—

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Under official Manage- ment.	Total					
						CO. LOUTH—con. RURAL DISTRICTS.
1	22	1,471	1,159	814	70·2	Ardee (1) (excluding the town of Ardee). Drogheda (1). Dundalk.
—	19	1,511	955	707	74·0	
1	49	3,541	2,972	2,064	69·1	
2	90	6,528	5,087	3,575	70·3	Total.
2	113	11,431	9,430	6,914	73·3	Total for County.
						CO. MEATH.
						URBAN DISTRICTS.
1	3	944	635	417	77·0	Kells.
—	4	1,030	1,098	798	72·7	Navan.
3	5	739	671	443	77·6	Trim.
4	12	2,713	2,204	1,658	75·2	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	8	407	432	295	68·3	Ardee No. 2.
—	15	905	920	645	70·1	Drogheda No. 2.
—	23	1,216	1,282	948	73·9	Dunshaughlin.
—	5	246	302	224	74·2	Edenderry No. 2.
—	20	1,815	1,661	1,014	65·4	Kells.
—	25	1,506	1,370	915	70·0	Navan.
—	12	1,322	785	590	71·3	Oldcastle.
—	29	1,749	1,520	1,051	69·1	Trim.
—	147	6,316	5,168	5,712	69·0	Total.
4	159	12,029	10,372	7,370	71·1	Total for County.
						QUEEN'S COUNTY.
						PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
—	2	545	632	381	71·6	Maryborough.
1	4	776	488	374	77·4	Mountmellick.
1	6	1,321	1,015	785	74·4	Total.

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QUEEN'S COUNTY—cont.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Abbeyleix, . . .	17,050	3,091	31*	8*	—	—	—
Ashy No. 2, . . .	5,903	1,348	12	3	—	—	—
Mountmellick (excluding the towns of Marybor- ough and Mountmellick).	20,416	4,590	30	7	—	—	—
Sliemarygy, . . .	4,712	1,210	8	3	—	—	—
Roscrea No. 3, . . .	3,012	634	7†	3†	—	—	—
Total, . . .	52,053	11,793	88	24	—	—	—
Total for County,	57,417	13,080	91	26	—	—	—
CO. WESTMEATH.							
URBAN DISTRICT AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.							
Athlone, . . .	6,617	1,575	5	1	—	1	—
Mullingar, . . .	4,500	1,144	1	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	11,117	2,719	6	2	—	1	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Athlone, . . .	9,946	2,433	20	1	—	—	—
Ballymore, . . .	3,429	753	9	—	—	—	—
Coola, . . .	3,702	800	11	2	—	—	—
Dalvin, . . .	8,477	2,029	21	1	—	—	—
Kilbeggan, . . .	2,411	599	3	—	—	—	—
Mullingar (excluding the town of Mullingar).	22,547	5,018	54	8	—	—	—
Total, . . .	50,512	11,632	118	12	—	—	—
Total for County,	61,629	14,351	124	14	—	1	—
CO. WEXFORD.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.							
Enniscorthy, . . .	5,458	1,369	2	—	—	—	—
New Ross, . . .	5,847	1,455	5	—	—	—	—
Wexford, . . .	11,168	2,912	5	1	—	—	—
Gorey, . . .	2,178	488	1	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	24,651	6,224	13	2	—	—	—

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Under Official Management	Total.						
						QUEEN'S COUNTY—cont.	
						RURAL DISTRICTS.	
1	30	2,856	2,570	1,741	67.5	Abbeyleix.	
—	15	1,400	1,008	712	70.6	Athy No. 2.	
—	37	2,600	2,215	1,460	66.2	Mountmellick (excluding the towns of Marybor- ough and Mountmellick).	
—	11	684	594	420	72.2	Silvemary.	
—	9	658	681	441	64.8	Roscrea No. 3.	
1	111	8,198	7,077	4,789	67.7	Total.	
2	117	9,510	8,092	5,544	68.5	Total for County.	
						CO. WESTMEATH.	
						URBAN DISTRICT AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.	
1	8	1,481	1,208	935	77.4	Athlone.	
—	2	609	400	350	74.6	Mullingar.	
1	10	2,000	1,077	1,285	76.6	Total.	
						RURAL DISTRICTS.	
—	21	1,938	1,683	1,142	67.9	Athlone.	
—	9	650	405	365	71.7	Ballymore.	
—	13	671	626	426	68.1	Cools.	
—	1	23	1,200	1,288	927	72.0	Delvin.
—	3	416	385	290	76.9	Kilbeggan.	
—	62	3,843	3,238	2,373	73.3	Mullingar (excluding the town of Mullingar).	
1	131	8,703	7,715	5,519	71.5	Total.	
2	141	10,283	9,392	6,804	72.4	Total for County.	
						CO. WEXFORD.	
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.	
2	4	1,308	900	620	69.4	Enniscorthy.	
1	6	1,539	885	620	71.2	New Ross.	
—	6	2,012	2,052	1,490	73.3	Wexford.	
—	2	402	353	250	70.8	Gorey.	
3	18	5,801	4,170	2,999	71.8	Total.	

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County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st December according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.O.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. WEXFORD—con.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Enniscorthy,	25,801	5,374	38	7	—	—	—
Gorey (excluding the town of Gorey).	14,285	3,208	23	8	—	—	—
New Ross,	17,806	3,798	34	4*	1*	—	—
Wexford,	21,871	4,602	37	5	—	—	—
Total,	70,453	17,072	132	24	1	—	—
Total for County,	104,104	23,296	145	26	1	—	—
CO. WICKLOW.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Bray,	7,424	1,775	4	2	1	—	—
Wicklow,	3,288	844	2	1	—	—	—
Arklow,	4,944	1,305	3	2	—	1	—
Total,	15,656	3,924	9	5	1	1	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Baltinglass No. 1, . . .	9,875	2,256	17	0	—	—	—
Naas No. 2,	3,033	701	4	3	—	—	—
Rathdown No. 2, . . .	5,057	1,213	3	0	—	—	—
Rathdrum (excluding the town of Arklow).	18,457	4,680	36	10	—	—	—
Shillelagh,	8,046	2,132	14	8	—	—	—
Total,	45,168	10,801	74	36	—	—	—
Total for County,	60,824	14,875	83	41	1	1	—

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Under official Manage- ment	Total.					
						CO. WEXFORD—con.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	45	2,931	3,086	2,670	67.2	Enniscorthy.
—	33	1,807	1,641	1,050	64.0	Gorey (excluding the town of Gorey).
—	38	2,504	2,344	1,540	68.6	New Ross.
—	43	2,604	2,677	1,820	68.0	Wexford.
—	158	10,026	9,642	6,480	67.2	Total.
—	176	15,887	18,818	9,470	68.6	Total for County.
						CO. WICKLOW.
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWN.
—	7	1,317	1,170	809	69.1	Bry.
—	3	723	551	377	68.4	Wicklow.
—	6	1,678	917	637	69.5	Arklow.
—	16	3,177	2,638	1,823	68.1	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	27	1,034	1,630	1,110	68.7	Baltinglass No. 1.
—	7	370	356	270	75.4	Naas No. 2.
—	9	657	546	392	71.8	Rathdown No. 2.
—	47	3,040	2,496	1,611	64.5	Rathdrum (excluding the town of Arklow).
—	23	1,880	1,428	964	68.3	Shillelagh.
—	113	7,806	6,408	4,296	66.5	Total.
—	120	11,067	9,696	6,110	67.3	Total for County.

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CO. GALWAY.							
URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Ballinasloe, . . .	4,904	1,648	3	1	—	—	—
Galway, . . .	13,426	3,460	0	—	—	—	—
Loughrea, . . .	2,507	716	2	—	—	—	—
Tuam, . . .	2,896	732	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	23,783	5,905	16	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballinasloe No. 1, . . .	10,694	2,723	26	2	—	—	—
Clifden, . . .	18,768	5,775	50	2	—	—	—
Galway, . . .	23,039	6,527	49	1	—	—	—
Glennamaddy, . . .	10,877	4,835	37	—	—	—	—
Gort, . . .	12,286	2,906	20	3	—	—	—
Loughrea (excluding the town of Loughrea).	17,569	4,589	37	—	—	—	—
Mount Burren, . . .	15,019	4,230	35	2	—	—	—
Oughterard, . . .	17,732	5,477	39	3	—	—	—
Portumna, . . .	9,054	2,148	21	1	—	—	—
Tuam (excluding the town of Tuam).	28,628	7,495	62	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	168,766	46,706	376	15	—	—	—
Total for County,	192,549	52,071	392	17	—	—	—
CO. LEITRIM.							
URBAN DISTRICT.							
Nil.							
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballinamore, . . .	8,887	2,414	21	4	—	—	—
Carrick-on-Shannon (1), . . .	13,030	3,446	35	5	—	1	—
Kinlough, . . .	5,220	1,102	12	1	—	—	—
Manorhamilton, . . .	22,334	6,118	58	12	—	—	—
Mohill, . . .	19,854	5,405	40	8	—	—	—
Total, . . .	69,343	18,575	166	30	—	1	—
Total for County,	69,343	18,575	166	30	—	1	—

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Under official Management.	Total.					
						CO. GALWAY
						URBAN DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
1	5	1,158	762	561	73·6	Ballinasloe.
3	12	3,375	2,180	1,567	71·7	Galway.
—	2	831	583	420	72·0	Loughrea.
—	3	707	687	488	71·0	Tuam.
4	22	6,071	4,218	3,036	72·0	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	28	1,653	1,768	1,084	61·3	Ballinasloe No. 1.
—	52	3,300	3,191	2,130	66·8	Clifden.
—	50	3,932	4,282	2,658	62·1	Galway.
—	37	2,405	3,069	1,919	62·5	Glennamaddy.
1	24	2,139	1,775	1,106	65·7	Gort.
—	37	2,567	3,000	1,914	63·8	Loughrea (excluding the town of Loughrea).
1	38	2,740	3,089	1,906	61·7	Mount Belive.
—	42	3,057	3,050	1,861	61·0	Oughterard.
1	23	1,788	1,600	1,081	65·1	Portumna.
—	63	4,359	4,919	3,229	65·6	Tuam (excluding the town of Tuam).
3	304	28,000	20,803	18,948	63·6	Total.
7	416	34,071	34,021	21,984	64·0	Total for County.
						CO. LEITRIM
						URBAN DISTRICT
						Nil.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
—	25	1,359	1,420	843	59·4	Ballinamore.
1	42	3,218	2,412	1,547	64·1	Carrick-on-Shannon (1).
—	13	643	604	302	59·9	Kinlough.
1	71	4,118	3,922	2,426	61·0	Maoorhamilton.
1	49	3,318	3,000	2,250	62·4	Mohill.
3	200	12,656	11,964	7,428	62·1	Total.
3	200	12,656	11,964	7,428	62·1	Total for County.

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	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	N.C.	R.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. MAYO.							
URBAN DISTRICTS.							
Ballina, . . .	4,505	1,215	4	1	—	—	—
Castlebar, . . .	3,585	744	2	1	—	—	—
Westport, . . .	3,802	1,076	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	11,882	3,035	8	3	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Ballina, . . .	20,148	5,685	41	2	1	—	—
Ballinrobe, . . .	21,238	5,710	34	—	—	—	—
Belmullet, . . .	13,845	4,019	24	—	—	—	—
Castlebar, . . .	22,937	6,453	47	—	—	—	—
Claremorris, . . .	26,820	7,496	61	—	—	—	—
Killala, . . .	8,254	2,157	18	—	2	—	—
Swinsford, . . .	44,102	12,681	100	—	—	—	—
Westport, . . .	30,780	9,024	67	9	—	—	—
Total, . . .	187,184	53,231	382	18	3	—	—
Total for County,	199,166	50,266	390	21	3	—	—
CO. ROSCOMMON.							
PRINCIPAL TOWNS.							
Boyle, . . .	2,477	617	2	1	1	—	—
Roscommon, . . .	1,891	440	2	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	4,368	1,063	4	2	1	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Athlone No. 2, . . .	10,701	3,066	27	—	—	—	—
Ballinaskoo No. 2, . . .	3,681	1,146	6	—	—	—	—
Boyle No. 1 (excluding the town of Boyle),	14,301	3,596	30	2	—	—	—
Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2, . . .	6,241	1,480	13	2	—	—	—
Castlerea, . . .	33,576	9,238	72	2	—	—	—
Roscommon (excluding the town of Roscommon),	13,273	3,353	28	2	—	—	—
Strokestown, . . .	15,500	3,606	37	1	—	—	—
Total, . . .	97,423	25,493	224	9	—	—	—
Total for County,	101,791	26,556	228	11	1	—	—

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Under official Management.	Total					
						CO. MAYO.
						URBAN DISTRICTS.
1	6	1,135	876	566	64.6	Ballina.
1	4	812	711	522	72.4	Castlebar.
1	4	759	654	473	72.3	Westport.
	14	2,706	2,241	1,561	69.7	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
						Ballina.
						Ballinrobe.
						Béal an Móil.
						Castlabor.
						Claremorris.
						Killala.
						Swineford.
						Westport.
	5	408	30,260	32,440	61.2	Total.
	8	422	32,075	34,687	62.7	Total for County.
						CO. ROSCOMMON.
						PRINCIPAL TOWNS.
	1	5	1,105	548	74.8	Boyle.
		3	981	524	79.2	Roscommon.
	1	8	2,080	1,072	77.0	Total.
						RURAL DISTRICTS.
						Athlone No. 2.
						Ballinasloe No. 2.
						Boyle No. 1 (excluding the town of Boyle).
						Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2.
						Castlerea.
						Roscommon (excluding the town of Roscommon).
						Strokestown.
	2	235	17,044	10,571	63.1	Total.
	3	243	19,130	17,643	64.0	Total for County.

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PROVINCE OF

County and District.	Population (Census, 1901).		Number of National Schools in Operation on 31st divided according to the religious denomination				
	Of all Ages.	Over 3 and under 15 years of age.	R.C.	E.C.	Pres.	Meth.	Other Denomi- nations.
CO. SLIGO.							
URBAN DISTRICT.							
Sligo,	10,870	2,620	7	2	—	—	—
RURAL DISTRICTS.							
Boyle No. 2,	13,757	3,478	38	1	—	—	—
Dromore West,	13,034	3,382	30	5	1	—	—
Sligo,	27,218	6,956	70	13	1	—	—
Tobercurry,	19,204	5,073	37	3	—	—	—
Total,	73,213	18,889	175	22	2	—	—
Total for County,	84,083	21,509	182	24	2	—	—

Number of Schools in which Pupils were under instruction in certain

SUBJECT.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Vocal Music,	1,475	3,903	6,082
Drawing,	2,146	5,942	8,349
Needlework,	No Return.	*1,700	5,851
Kindergarten and Manual Instruction,	448	1,293	1,934
Object Lessons, &c.,	—	3,096	7,673
Cookery,	123	263	409
Laundry,	—	—	—
Domestic Science,	—	—	—
Health and Habits,	—	—	—
Irish,	105	88	1,108
French,	89	24	188
Latin,	28	6	74
Arithmetic and Algebra,	—	—	—
Geometry and Mensuration,	—	—	—

* This number refers only to the

Urban District and Principal Town, the Population, Number of National Pupils on the Rolls, and the Average Daily Attendance of Pupils for

CONNAUGHT.

December, 1908, of the Managers.		Accommo- dation, allowing 10 sq. feet of floor space per Pupil.	Average Number of Pupils on the Rolls.	Average Daily Attendance of Pupils.	Percentage of Average Daily Attendance to Average Number on the Rolls.	County and District.
Under official Manage- ment.	Total.					
4	13	2,857	1,830	1,380	74.6	CO. SLIGO. URBAN DISTRICT. Sligo.
—	39	2,585	2,213	1,323	60.2	Boyle No. 2.
—	37	2,208	2,219	1,314	59.2	Dromore West.
—	84	4,921	4,500	2,980	65.6	Sligo.
—	41	2,913	3,191	1,881	58.0	Tobercurry.
2	201	12,637	12,132	7,488	61.7	Total.
6	214	15,494	13,082	8,808	63.4	Total for County.

subjects of the programme on 31st December in each year since 1899.

YEAR.

1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
6,430	6,550	6,683	6,731	6,815	6,933	7,065
8,532	8,601	8,614	8,587	8,569	8,504	8,444
5,935	6,140	6,207	6,279	6,230	6,337	6,302
2,056	2,105	2,138	4,447	4,979	5,385	5,750
8,180	3,281	8,392	8,423	8,510	8,472	7,042
631	727	362	360	501	936	1,590
—	—	—	—	113	167	227
—	—	—	—	665	897	1,118
—	—	—	—	5,482	6,883	7,268
1,586	2,018	1,083	1,863	2,072	2,861	3,047
179	103	205	204	230	207	229
81	100	101	80	123	110	116
—	—	—	1,507	2,812	2,060	2,480
—	—	—	1,304	1,038	1,030	1,950

Revised Programme in Needlework.

S T A T E M E N T O F A C C O U N T

FROM

1ST APRIL, 1908, TO 31ST MARCH, 1909,

SHOWING THE FUNDS AT THE DISPOSAL.

OF

THE COMMISSIONERS

OF

NATIONAL EDUCATION, IRELAND.

AND HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

R. NAISH,

Accountant.

The following STATEMENT of ACCOUNT will show the FUNDS at have been

CHARGE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The balance on 1st April, 1908,				—		
Parliamentary Grant.						
Ordinary Grant, 1908-1909,	£1,291,818	0	0			
Special Grant in aid of Teachers' Pension Fund,	18,000	0	0			
School Grant,	235,000	0	0	—		
				1,544,818	0	0
Grant from Ireland Development Fund,				57,318	10	11
Appropriations in Aid.						
Miscellaneous Receipts in aid of the Vote for 1908-1909,				65	16	9
Miscellaneous.						
Private Contribution Fund:—						
Dividends on Legacies and Donations (private contributions) invested in Government Securities,	374	13	8			
School Fees received from Pupils attending Model Schools.	1,647	8	0			
Sundry repayments of moneys due to the account of the Votes of previous years,	143	10	1			
Income Tax deductions, payable to Inland Revenue Department	1,401	18	3			
Stoppages from Quarterly Salaries of Teachers of one-fourth Premiums for Pensions, under Act 42 & 43 Vic., c. 74, 1879,	24,356	11	10			
Premiums of Insurance of Sundry Officers in Service of Board (North British and Mercantile Insurance Company),	1,637	7	6	—		
Carried forward,	£1,649,810	18	9	—		

the disposal of the COMMISSIONERS in 1908-1909, and how they distributed :—

DISCHARGE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
OFFICE IN DUBLIN :						
Salaries and Wages,	25,380	10	11			
Travelling Expenses,	934	17	4			
Legal Expenses,	665	19	9			
Rent,	115	7	8			
Incidental Expenses,	449	6	8			
				27,646	2	4
INSPECTION :						
Salaries,	35,194	2	6			
Travelling and Personal Allowances,	15,239	19	0			
				50,434	1	6
TRAINING :						
Marlborough Street Training College (a),	17,614	9	6			
Training Colleges, under local management (b),	47,391	10	6			
Prizes to King's Scholars for Irish, &c.,	300	0	0			
				65306	0	0
MODEL SCHOOLS (Special Expenditure—Maintenance, Pupil Teachers, and Special Teachers, Matrons, &c.)						
				5,853	0	8
NATIONAL SCHOOLS GENERALLY :						
Salaries and Capitation payments in Ordinary and Model Schools, Day and Evening, of Principal and Assistant Teachers (c) Junior Assistant Mistresses, Workmistresses, and Monitors; also fees for Special Subjects.	1,390,635	6	0			
Retiring Gratuities,	343	8	8			
Incidental Expenditure,	85	9	3			
Free Grants of Books and School Requisites (d),	476	12	5			
School Fees paid to Model School Teachers,	1,661	9	5			
				1,402,202	5	9
MISCELLANEOUS :						
Easter and July Examination Expenses,	513	8	4			
Organizing Teachers,	702	16	0			
Commission to Local Postmasters,	36	5	2			
				1,252	9	6
Carried forward,				£1,852,593	19	9

(a) Includes £4,276 10s. paid out of Grant from Ireland Development Fund towards cost of providing a new Residence for King's Scholars in Marlborough Street Training College.

(b) Includes £4,274 0s. 11d. paid out of Grant from Ireland Development Fund towards cost of additional King's Scholar in Our Lady of Mercy and De la Salle Training Colleges.

(c) Includes £26,418 paid out of Grant from Ireland Development Fund for Salaries of Assistant Teachers recognised on an average attendance of 50 pupils, and £13,995 18s. 10d. out of the same Grant in respect of the Salaries of Junior Assistant Mistresses.

(d) The total Free Stock granted in 1908-9 amounted to £576 7s. as follows :—Ordinary National Schools, £270 12s. 5d.; Model Schools, £29 14s. 7d.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT—continued.

	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward, . . .	1,649,610	18	9	
Total, . . .	<hr/>			
	Total, . . .	£1,649,610	18	9

EXPENDITURE during the Year—continued.

	£ a. d.	£ a. d.
Brought forward,	—	1,552,583 19 9
MANUAL AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION:		
Salaries, Travelling, &c.,	10,812 11 10	
Equipment Grants,	600 0 7	<u>11,412 12 5</u>
Mediation of Rent-charges of Teachers' Residences repaid by Commissioners,	—	6,260 11 2
Private Contribution Fund, Payment to Schools from,	—	388 10 4
Grant in aid of Teachers' Pension Fund, paid over to Teachers' Pension Office,	—	18,000 0 0
INCOME TAX:		
Payments to Inland Revenue Department of deductions for Income Tax,	—	1,674 16 3
Payment to Pensions Fund of amounts stopped from Quarterly Salaries of Teachers, under the Act 42 & 43 Vic., c. 74, 1879,	—	24,356 11 10
Insurance Premiums paid over to North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.,	—	1,637 7 6
Payment to Vendors of School requisites,	—	3 12 3
Sundry Debits to the Vote for 1907-1908,	—	231 0 5
Balance of Parliamentary Vote of 1907-1908 surrendered,	—	16,422 2 3
Balance on 31st March, 1909,	£16,829 14 9	
Total,	<u>£1,649,810 18 9</u>	

NAMES OF THE COMMISSIONERS

OF

NATIONAL EDUCATION IN IRELAND,

On June 30th, 1909,

ACCORDING TO THE DATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

		YEAR OF APPOINTMENT.
Sir HENRY BELLINGHAM, Bart., H.M. Vice-Lieutenant		1890
Right Hon. CHRISTOPHER PALLS, Lord Chief Baron, LL.D.,		1890
Rev. HENRY EVANS, D.D., ...	...	1890
His Honour JUDGE SHAW,	...	1891
Sir STANLEY HARRINGTON, J.P., ...	...	1895
Wm. R. J. MOLLOY, Esq., J.P., ...	...	1895
Right Rev. MERVYN ARCHDALL, D.D., Bishop of Killaloe,		1897
WILLIAM JOSEPH MYLES STARKIE, Esq., M.A., LITE.D. (Resident Commissioner), ...	...	1899
ANTHONY TRAILL, Esq., LL.D., M.D., F.R.O.S.I., F.R.C.P.I., D.L., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin,	...	1901
Right Hon. LORD FREDERICK FITZGERALD, ...	...	1902
Rev. DAVID A. TAYLOR, M.A., D.D., ...	...	1902
Right Hon. LORD KILLANIN, ...	...	1904
Most Rev. PATRICK FOLEY, D.D., Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, ... ... ... ...	...	1905
EDWARD JOHN GWYNN, Esq., M.A., V.T.O.D., ...	...	1905
GERALD DEASE, Esq., D.L., ...	...	1905
Right Hon. Mr. JUSTICE ROSS, ...	...	1905
RICHARD BAGWELL, Esq., M.A., D.L., ...	...	1905
Lieutenant-General The Right Hon. Sir WILLIAM N. BUTLER, G.O.B., ...	...	1907
Rev. John C. CLARKE, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, ...	...	1908
LAURENCE AMBROSE WALDRON, Esq., M.P. ...	...	1909